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RE: IMPRESSIONS OF YOUTH FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT IN SENEGAL

SALIF,

FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME THE TALENT YOUR YOUTH PROGRAM HAS TO OFFER. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEND A BIG THANK YOU TO MAMADOU DIALLO FOR HOSTING ME DURING MY STAY IN DAKAR.

OVERALL, THE STANDARD OF THE YOUTH PLAYERS I OBSERVED DURING MY TIME IN SENEGAL WAS QUITE HIGH IN COMPARISON TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES I HAVE BEEN. NATURALLY, THERE ARE SOME PLAYERS WHO IMPRESSED MORE THAN OTHERS, BUT I WAS THRILLED WITH ALL OF THE PLAYERS' UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ROLES IN THE GAME AND THEIR EFFORT THROUGHOUT.

I WOULD SAY THAT THE PLAY FROM THE BACK AND MIDFIELD IMPRESSED ME THE MOST. THE PLAYERS WERE WELL ORGANIZED AND PLAYED BOTH SIDES OF THE BALL WITH INTELLIGENCE, SKILL, AND AGGRESSIVENESS OF THE LEVEL THAT WOULD BE WELCOMED AT PREMIER LEAGUE ACADEMIES IN EUROPE.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR GIVING THESE PLAYERS A CHANCE IN FOOTBALL.

ALL THE BEST,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Nelms". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

**JOHN NELMS
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT**

