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Ndi AEI,

Olukwe nu! **Operation Houston** has begun!!! We are now all safely into 2018 (thank God) and it is time to begin firming up our plans for our 2018 convention. Our destination is, of course, HOUSTON and the locals are very much looking forward to welcoming all of you. They have been planning this convention since the conclusion of LV17 and we assured that it will not disappoint. Therefore, if you had any fleeting thoughts about skipping **HOU18**, think again. Houston promises to be a lot of fun.

But, on the slight chance that you need more convincing, you should be aware of some interesting facts about Houston. For one, Houston ranks number four, behind New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago, as the largest cities in America. It is the only major American city that does not have land-use zoning laws. That means that it is the one major city that can be classified as “organized chaos”. In Houston, schools are next to restaurants, to gun shops, to hospitals to mega malls. In Houston, you can visit the nicest mansions and the slummiest shacks without missing a beat. Therefore, you can get all your sightseeing done in record time and move on to something else. Houston is a wonder to behold and worth the effort every time.

If you still need more convincing, then consider the fact that since Men's Fitness Magazine started listing the nation's "Fat-test Cities" in 1999, Houston has topped the list every year except a couple. Why is this good news? Well, because it is testament to the overwhelming amount of delicious foods available in Houston. People do not get fat from starvation. So, pack your bags and head to Houston. Come prepared to eat, drink and be merry. Most importantly, come prepared to hang-out with your fellow Enugwus'; your peeps, AEI members—people who know how to have a good time.

Hotels: Our Houston Chapter members have been extremely efficient. They worked hard and fast at locating appropriate accommodations for us. We have a choice of three hotels—all reasonably priced; all within close proximity of each other and all within less than ten minutes to the venue. Two of the three hotels offer complimentary hot breakfast; all three have free wireless internet. Note, also, that all three hotels are equipped with 24 hour fitness centers; this means that after spending the day enjoying the delicacies, you can head to the gym for a good workout. Alternatively, you can work out in the morning and eat conscience-free for the rest of the day. Either way, you win! So, peruse the, attached, hotel reservation sheet, and make your choice accordingly. *Please be mindful of the cut-off dates.*

Brochure: The Houston Chapter members have begun selling the pages for our 2018 Houston brochure. If they have not already done so, someone will be calling you soon. When they do, please patronize them—every sale goes to AEI, in one form or another. Our organization needs your support—our very survival depends on it. We hope that every member will step up and take, at least, one page to let us know the goings-on in their world. Remember that our brochures travel far and wide—people in other countries, including Enugwu-Ukwu, will see them. It is always good to be a part of this special memory.

Please note that the prices are the same as it was for Vegas17: **regular pages are \$100**, the **Outside back cover is \$1000**, the **inside front and back covers are \$500** each. The application form is attached, so, even if you do not hear from anyone, make the effort to send in your ad—your generosity will be most appreciated.

Ngwa kwa nu, that's all I have for now. More information will be distributed as the convention draws nearer. As you continue to make your arrangements, as always, I encourage you to send your dues to our mailbox: **AEI-USA, P O Box 6574, Columbia, MD 21045**. The yearly due is **\$100 per person**. This is a fundamental AEI requirement. Our Bylaw mandates that only people who pay can participate in our

decision-making processes. Houston is no different, we welcome EVERYONE to our conventions—come eat, drink and party with ibeanyi, however, **only those who are committed to AEI can join in its planning.** We are the architects of the future of Enugwu-Ukwu; it is an awesome responsibility—the payment of \$100 a year is miniscule in comparison. As has been said before, AEI has made it very easy and economical for everyone who wants to join to join, so, NO EXCUSES!

Keep planning; and keep in mind: elections to come in Houston.

Ka'odi nu,

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