Kenya is the returning point for African Americans to Return to Africa

Anthony "Amp" Elmore is a 5 time world Karate/Kickboxing champion who lives in Memphis, TN. Elmore's heart and soul is in Africa and his plan is called "The Safari Initiative." The Safari Initiative is a plan whereby African Countries "formally invite American/Americans to visit and connect with their ancestral homeland of Africa. This has been Elmore's dream since he was a youth in high school.

Elmore traveled to Kenya in 1990 to premier his independently produced film "<u>The Contemporary Gladiator</u>." While in Kenya Elmore was visited by "Ancestral Sprits" that admonished him to tell "Africans in America" or "African Americans to come home and visit their ancestral homeland of Africa. The same African Ancestral spirits that visited Elmore is the same ancestral spirits that made American President Barack Obama Jr. Over the past 25 years Elmore has been fighting for the cause of connecting African/Americans with their African Ancestral homeland of Africa. Elmore's greatest challenge has not been Whites or the Ancestors of "Slave masters" who present the greatest obstacles, Elmore's greatest obstacles are African Americans and Africans who disregard and disrespect their African Ancestry.

In 1957 Ghana became the 1st African Country to gain its independence. Dr. Martin Luther King was at the ceremony watching the African Country Ghana become free of White rule. Dr. King was a member of the organization called the "American Committee on Africa." This organization played host to countless African leaders in the United States. Martin Luther King served on the national committee from 1957 until his death. In 1959 "The American Committee on Africa" arranged a six week tour for Kenya Trade Unionist Tom Mboya to come to America. Dr. Martin Luther King invited Tom Mboya for a fund raiser in Atlanta and they both spoke together at an event in Washington D.C. When Mboya returned to Kenya an organization called the African America. Baseball great Jackie Robinson, Singer Harry Bellefonte, Actor Sidney Pointer raised \$39,000 to bring Kenyan students to America for an education was Barack Obama Sr. Also a Kenyan women who was a part of Airlift America by the name of Wangari Maathai became the 1st African Woman to win the Nobel Peace prize. A young Thurgood Marshall who later became America's 1st Black Supreme court justice traveled to London in 1963 to draft Kenya's Constitution.

Months after returning from Kenya in 1990 Elmore's best friend and co-executive producer of the film Memphis attorney Charles E. Carpenter who accompanied Elmore to Kenya became the campaign manager of Memphis 1st elected African American mayor Dr. W.W. Herenton who won election in October of 1991. In 1992 Elmore took a group of Memphians to Kenya. While in Kenya Elmore met with Kenya President Daniel Arap Moi who called Elmore an African ambassador. Elmore tried for almost two decades at getting his friend Mayor W.W. Herenton to connect with not only Kenya but with Africa. In December of 2008 at a Christmas party at attorney Carpenter's office Elmore conversed with his friend Mayor Herenton and explained that we now have a newly elected President who father was from Kenya. Elmore explained to his friend he had a better chance getting a President support than he in Memphis. The Mayor explained to Elmore that he has his friend White Congressman Steve Cohen who would support his Africa ideas.

In 2009 Memphis Congressman Steve Cohen arranged for Elmore to meet with 3 African Ambassadors and an organizational representative of the Congressional Black caucus who informed Elmore his idea had little of no chance of getting support from the Congressional Black Caucus. Elmore's major stumbling block came in 2013 from Kenya Ambassador Elkanah Odembo who met with Elmore at the Washington D.C. office of Congressman Cohen. The Kenyan Ambassador disregarded Elmore's ideas and shamelessly used the opportunity to pitch the Congressman to lobby for more money and support for Kenya. The Congressman wrote Elmore to inform him that there was no more he could do.

In May of 2013 Elmore was informed that the Grandmother of President Obama Sarah Obama would support his idea as well as 6 newly elected Governors of in Kenya. Elmore rushed to Kenya whereas Grandmama Sarah endorsed the idea and she agreed to come to Memphis, Tennessee. In July of 2013 four of the Kenya Governors partnered up in Memphis with Tennessee State Representative G.A. Hardaway who Elmore had introduced to them. The group disregarded the Safari Initiative a plan to bring Africans and African/Americans together, instead the Kenya group wrote a letter asking Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton to find them Investors for Kenya. Siaya Governor Cornell Rasanga who represents the County where President Obama family lives appeared on Memphis, Television embarrassingly begging for investors instead of promoting to Americans to come visit the Ancestral home land-*. of the family of President Obama and building relationships.

Congressman Cohen arranged for Elmore to meet with South African Ambassador Ebrahim Rasool twice who loved the idea and South Africa was to be the place to host the celebration. South Africa never moved forward in August of 2014 President Obama called the African summit. In March of 2015 President Obama announced that he would be going to Kenya for his "Global Entrepreneur Summit." In 1956 at the ago of 26 Kenyan Tom Mboya 1st came to America, resultantly in 1959 his friend Barack Obama Sr. arrived in America. The spirit of Tom Mboya manifest as the life of Barack Obama Jr. Anthony "Amp" Elmore notes that it was the "spirit of Tom Mboya" to awaken his spirit and where he got the idea of the Safari Initiative. In the history of Africa no African Country has "Formally Invited African Americans to visit Africa or make a "Formal Connection." Kenya is the ancestral home of President Obama's father and the "Returning point where Americans and African Americans can start to visit Africa. The "Safari Initiative" picks up the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King who died in Memphis in 1968 and connects Dr. King with Tom Mboya who died in Kenya in 1969. Anthony "Amp" Elmore married a Kenyan in 1995 and he has a son who is 1/2 Kenyan. Elmore is looking to pitch this idea to Kenya President Uhuru Kenyatta. Elmore is working with the office of Memphis Congressman to present the idea of the Safari Initiative to Kenya. Elmore recorded two Urban Songs in Memphis to promote unity in Kenya. For more information contract Anthony "Amp" Elmore at 901 452-4330









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