

28th January, 1963.

Sir Robert Kirkwood,
2 Kirk Avenue,
Kingston.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Peter Abrahams accepts with
pleasure your kind invitation to meet
Sir Jock Campbell at the Terra Nova
Hotel on Friday, 15th February, 1963;

Yours faithfully,

Secretary/Accountant.

Sir Jock Campbell On U.C.W.I. Council

Sir John Middleton Campbell, better known as Sir Jock Campbell, has accepted the invitation of H.R.H. Princess Alice, Chancellor of the University College of the West Indies, to be a member of the College Council.

Sir Jock Campbell^{is Chairman} of Booker Bros., McConnell & Co. Ltd., the well-known firm of British Guiana, and has been Chairman of the Commonwealth Sugar Exporters Group since 1950. From the very beginning he has taken a keen interest in every movement in the British Caribbean concerned with agricultural improvement and is Chairman of the Governing Body of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture which, from October 1960, will become the Faculty of Agriculture of the University College of the West Indies.

He was a member of the United Kingdom Princess Alice Appeal Committee, rendering incaluable service towards its success. It was also due in large measure to his encouragement that the Sugar Manufacturers of British Guiana contributed so handsomely to the Appeal in the Caribbean, just as did the Sugar Manufacturers of Jamaica, led by Sir Robert Kirkwood.

The U.C.W.I. hopes Sir Jock will attend a special meeting of the College Council on October 15 and 16 to consider the financial estimates for the next three-year period.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE WEST INDIES

Department of Extra-Mural Studies,

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PHONE P.B.X. 7561



MONA, KINGSTON 7

JAMAICA W.I.

17th January, 1963

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Dear *Refer,*

Jamaican Council of International Affairs

As you will have seen in the press and heard on the radio, a small group of persons have been discussing the formation of a Jamaican Council of International Affairs which would promote the study of International Affairs on a non-governmental and non-political basis. A small Steering Committee, with Mr. Theodore Sealy as Chairman was set up to draft the constitution for such an organisation.

As you know, there is in almost every Commonwealth country a similar organisation; all of these are affiliated to the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London. The advantages of an organisation are obvious, and we have been told that you would be interested in becoming a member. Accordingly, I write on behalf of the Steering Committee to invite you to a meeting on Thursday 24th January, 1963 in the Hall of the Institute of Jamaica at 4.30 p.m. to discuss the aims and objects and other features of the constitution of the organisation and to elect, provisionally, officers to guide the Council in its first year.

Clearly, at the start, this organisation will be a small one, but it is hoped that the work done by its members will be systematic, thorough and perhaps helpful in assisting Jamaicans to see more clearly the position of Jamaica in the international world.

Enclosed is a copy of the draft constitution. Other members of the Steering Committee on whose behalf I now invite you are:

Mr. Theodore Sealy (Chairman)

Mr. H. P. Jacobs

Mr. J. C. Proute

Mr. G. E. Mills

Mr. R. Nettleford

Yours sincerely,

Heiler

H. L. Wynter

Director of Extra-Mural Studies.

DRAFT CONSTITUTION

1. The name of this organization shall be
THE JAMAICAN COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
2. The aims and objects of the Council shall be:
 - (a) To promote the study of international affairs - politics, economics, jurisprudence, etc. by all means, including research, lectures etc;
 - (b) to provide and maintain means of information upon international questions;
 - (c) to promote and facilitate exchange of information on international affairs between similar organizations outside of Jamaica and other organizations like the University in Jamaica;
 - (d) to publish papers, or to promote the publication of books on international affairs;
 - (e) to provide a Library of reference on international affairs for use by its members and others.
3. As the Council is an unofficial body formed to encourage and facilitate the scientific study of international questions, it shall not express any partisan political opinion on any aspect of international affairs.

Any opinions expressed in its reports or publications shall not be the views of the Council, but of the members concerned.
4. The membership of the Council will be as follows:
 - (a) Ordinary Members: Such members will take full part in all the aims and objects of the Council, will undertake to contribute the full subscription in accordance with this Constitution and will share in the full privileges and obligations as contained in this Constitution.
 - (b) Associate Members: Such membership will be open to those who for any reason are not ordinary or corporate members but who wish to share in as many of the privileges and obligations of the Council as are consonant with their position. These members also undertake to subscribe fully to the Council.
 - (c) Corporate Members: Such membership will be open to departments of government, public and private corporations, organisations or institutions who wish to support the aims and objects of the Council and to receive its publications.

- (d) Honorary Members: Such persons who have distinguished themselves in international affairs, whom the Committee may invite.

5. The Council may have one or more Presidents. The current Prime Minister shall be the active President of the Council, and living previous Prime Ministers or Premiers resident in Jamaica will be considered simultaneous Presidents. The Patron of the Council shall be the Governor General of Jamaica.

6. The officers of the Council shall be made up of the following who shall constitute the Executive Committee Council which shall be the chief instrument of policy formulation:

A Chairman, who shall preside also at General meetings of the Council in the absence of the active President.

A Vice-Chairman,

An Hon. Treasurer,

And not less than seven nor more than eleven other members. Five members shall form a quorum.

7. The Council shall be staffed and administered by the following :

(a) A paid Secretary appointed by the Committee to undertake whatever duties shall be required by the business of the Council and to be custodian of the Council's Library.

(b) Such other staff as may from time to time be appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the Committee.

8. The Council shall be financed by the subscriptions of members, supplemented by :

(a) Donations from members and non-members.

(b) Sale of publications.

(c) Royalties on Books.

(d) Interest on investments and deposits.

(e) Special funds, and

(f) Amounts drawn from Grants for Research and publications.

9. (a) Ordinary members shall pay an annual subscription of Ten Pounds due and payable in advance on the 1st day of April in each year, or three-quarters, half or quarter such amount as the case may be depending upon date of joining, provided also that the annual subscription may be paid in quarterly instalments in which event the subscription shall be Twelve Pounds per annum.

(b) Associate members shall pay an annual subscription of not less than Twentyone Pounds.

- (c) Corporate members shall pay an annual subscription of not less than Fifty-two Pounds Ten Shillings.

10. Membership of the Council shall be subject to approval or termination by the Committee provided that no membership shall be terminated by the Committee without cause except subscriptions for such membership have not been paid up to date.

11. Meetings of the Council shall be:

- (a) Ordinary meetings to be held at such time and place as the Committee shall from time to time decide.
- (b) Annual general meeting for the purpose of rendering the annual reports of the Committee electing officers for the ensuing year and dealing with any other business pertaining to the Council generally.
- (c) Special general meeting at the request in writing of not less than seven ordinary members which shall be summoned by the Chairman to be held within 21 days of the date of receipt of such request and shall deal only with the matter or matters stated on such request, provided that the Committee may at any time with due notice call a special general meeting.

12. Seven clear days notice shall be given for all ordinary meetings and fourteen days clear notice for annual or special general meetings.

13. At all meetings of the Council nine ordinary members shall form a quorum and voting shall be by ordinary members only without prejudice to other members being permitted to take part in discussions.

14. The Council may on the decision of a general meeting seek affiliation with other organizations local or overseas.

15. Internal matters of dispute may be submitted to arbitration.

16. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with established Parliamentary Procedure.

17. The Council shall be dissolved by the vote of not less than seven-eighths of the financial members present and voting at a special general meeting called for the purpose and in the event

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of such dissolution the goods and chattels of the Council shall be disposed of by a Committee appointed at such special general meeting and the proceeds shall be donated to a local educational institution.

18. This constitution shall not be amended except at a special or annual general meeting and notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in writing to all members not less than thirty clear days before such meetings. No resolution for such amendment shall be carried except by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting.

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES

C O N F E R E N C E

"EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP "

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1963

First Session - 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

"The Meaning and Contents of Education
for Citizenship"

Speakers: Mr. Rex Nettleford - Staff Tutor in Political
Education, U.W.I.
Mr. Peter Abrahams - Journalist
Mr. Frank Hill - Journalist

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Second Session - 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

"Approach and Methods in Citizenship Education"

Speakers: Senator Hector Wynter, Director of Extra-Mural
Studies, U. W. I.

Mr. Hugh Morrison - Staff Tutor in Radio
Education, U. W. I.

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MONA, KINGSTON 7

JAMAICA W.I.

.....8th January 1963.....

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
KINGSTON

Dear *Peter*

The second series of lecture discussions and broadcasts in the political education programme "Jamaica and World Politics" will begin on Sunday, January 20th. The theme this term is "Human Rights and World Affairs" and His Excellency Mr. Egerton Richardson, Ambassador to the United Nations will start off the series with a lecture on "United Nations and World Affairs."

I now write formally to ask you to participate in this programme by lecturing on "Apartheid - The Right and The Wrong of it." This will take place on January 27 at 10.30 a.m. in the Arts Lecture Room III, U. W. I.

This programme in international affairs has up to now received enthusiastic response from a very wide cross section of citizens in the Corporate Area and points to a real desire on the part of many persons to know something about international affairs and Jamaica's role in this.

I do hope you will be able to participate.

Personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Rex
Rex Nettleford
Staff Tutor in Political Education

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JAMAICA W.I.

4th January 1963

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
West Indian Economist,
Harbour Street,
KINGSTON

Dear Peter,

EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP

Following our discussion last night I now write to confirm arrangements in connection with the seminar on Education for Citizenship (or Political Education) which the Department of Extra-Mural Studies is holding here at the UWI on Wednesday January 9th starting at 9.30 a.m. Participants will include representatives of social welfare agencies, government, press and radio.

The object is to get across to persons responsible for guiding and even formulating public opinion the importance of a conscious programme of political education in the new Jamaica. Much of this is already being done e.g. in your radio programmes as well as your columns and it is because of this why it is felt that you could help considerably in recommending areas of emphasis in the content of what is passed on to the Jamaican citizenry.

The plan is for me therefore to lead off with a general introduction to Political Education and for you and Frank Hill to deal with the specifics in terms of areas of emphasis that will serve to develop a more informed and enlightened public opinion in what I assume we want i.e. a democracy.

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES

Kingston 7,

17th Dec.1962

Dear *Peter,*

As you may know, one of the aspects of Extra-Mural work that we are particularly anxious to foster is the public lecture series on topics requested by the various communities and Citizens Associations around the island.

During this term a number of such requests have come in and I should like to have a fairly comprehensive programme of lectures to offer not only in Kingston but in the country parts during the rest of this year. May I invite you to join this panel of lecturers who would be prepared to give an occasional evening either in Kingston or in the country in order to speak to groups and to lead discussions afterwards? If you could see your way to doing this despite the many other calls on your time, I should be most grateful.

For all lectures outside Kingston you would of course get your travelling expenses and there is an honorarium of £2.2.0. I realise that this as a fee does not really cover the sort of work you put into a lecture but our budget could not stand anything higher.

Should you feel that you would like to join this panel of lecturers, a telephone call to the Extra-Mural Office, UWI 76661 Ext. 223, will do. This telephone call is only to save time but I am enclosing a form of acceptance so that I may have your name on our files.

Looking forward to an early reply from you and with every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

John

John Hearne
Resident Tutor

23rd November, 1962.


Mr. Roy K. Anderson,
President,
Political Club,
U.W.I., Taylor Hall,
Kingston 7.

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad to address your club on Friday, 7th December, on the Chinese invasion of India.

Yours sincerely,

PA/ul.

for  Peter Abrahams.

Taylor Hall
U.W.I.
Kingston 7
Nov. 21, 1962

Political Club. U. W. I.

Mr. Peter Abrahams

c/o J. B. C.

5 South Odeon Ave.

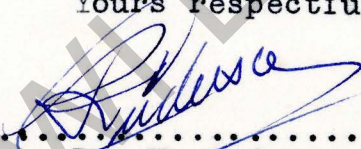
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Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Political Club of the University of the West Indies, I would like to invite you, Sir, to address the Club at a meeting to be held on Thursday or Friday 6th or 7th inst. The final date would be the one more convenient to you. We would you to speak on the following subject: "A critical analysis of the Chinese invasion of India."

Although I realize that your schedule must be a tight one, I would be very appreciative of an early reply, as I will need some time to finalise all arrangements.

Yours respectfully,


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Roy K. Anderson
President,
Political Club.
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Student Union

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE WEST INDIES

DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA MURAL STUDIES

ST. LUCIA

DOMINICA

Resident Tutor : John Brown, B.A.

Telegrams : University, St. Lucia.

P.O. BOX 126
CASTRIES,
ST. LUCIA.

16th. October, 1962.

Dear Peter,

Thank you for the kindness of your letter. In many ways, I'm obliged that the UWI has made up my mind by kicking me out (in any case, in view of present Extra Mural standards, I can only take it as a compliment) since, as you suggest, there's precious little to feel optimistic about in the small islands. There must come a time when authority will have to be imposed upon them, but the only trouble is that it is almost certain to be the wrong kind of authority. Perhaps anything is better than the chaos which politicians only worthy of the 'Dunciad' (~~and their~~ abetted by their aides de con at the Colonial Office) are now so perversely steering them towards. Pity we don't have a Pope in the Caribbean, though we do have a Naipaul, thank God, to rescue its literature from utter complacency.

Could you send me copies of the 'Vices' issue (12 if possible) and of the 'Orchid House' issue (6) - to 'Doules', School Hill, Dawlish, Devon, please. Have no doubt the former accelerated my exit; so, in a roundabout way, my children may benefit a good deal from your publishing the thing. For who could condemn them for a long term to a climate of such unhealthy values? Equally, how can an intelligent small islander come home to take a place in the society without being forced to capitulate almost all the standards which in the greater world he has come to value? This is the real tragedy of the West Indian islands. And I don't want my kids to die of colonial poisoning before their time.

Anyway. on a lighter note, you might like a copy of this small piece on a local obeh man. The book on the making of a colonial society in St. Lucia is coming along reasonably, though

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I'll have to take an overdose of academic detachment before the final draft. Will send you a copy, if and when it's finished.

Best wishes to you and the Economist. You may like to know that at least the St. Lucia Chamber of Commerce are using your editorial on Grenada (June issue) as a basis for their thinking on the Shrinking Seven this afternoon! Thinking of you in Jamaica, isn't there much more hope in Trinidad?

A bientot

UWI Libraries

9th October, 1962.

Mr. Lyle Joyce,
619 Hudson Street,
New York 14, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

Dear Lyle,

Sorry about taking so long to answer yours of August 12. Anyway as soon as I got your letter I got in touch with John Figueroa and we talked about you over lunch. As I understand it he would like to use you but has only enough money to use you part time. And so he has got in touch with the Director of Extra-Mural Studies to see if Extra-Mural could use you part time as well. This way if it works out, Figueroa's Department of Education would pay half your salary and the Extra-Mural Department would pay the other half. Figueroa told me that he would write you in any case. Since I spoke to him I have been in touch with the head of the Extra-Mural Department and he was supposed to have a meeting with his people and then let Figueroa know. If you have not yet heard from Figueroa let me know and I shall try to follow the matter up. In any case let me know what the score is.

I think you will find Jamaica a most rewarding experience in a multitude of ways. And of course Daphne would love to see you after all these years. To the kids you have become just a name and the bouncing little baby girl with whom you played in France is now a very superior teenage miss who sometimes scares the daylights out of me.

Yours ever,

PA/ul.

Feter Abrahams.

619 Hudson Street
New York 14, N. Y.
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Dear Pete,

The enclosed will probably explain itself and I thought you might be interested? It is a very outside chance of course but if John should be interested maybe you could give me a recommendation?

All of which prompts me to drop you a few lines. When did I last? Probably a line at Christmas. The year at Vassar was a good one-- hard, I acted and directed as well as teaching three new courses, and I was churning up the hours well into the night most of the year. But it was new and fresh and doubtlessly a good thing to do.

I'm still churning now (and, out of work, churning pretty wildly) and looking for ground under foot.) With two friends with access to two multilith machines I've typed up, run off and bound two plays and a volume of poetry this summer, got out a flock of letters... and in short, I'm making a major effort to get heard. So far a lot of rejection slips, but not all discouraging. ...Then too there's this other mass of letters going out for work.. A lot of work trying to mathmatically beat the unlikely hood of a good answer on any given one. Phew.

I was interrupted in June on all this when my mother came down with a cerebral hemorage. Rushed down south, stayed with her out of the hospital (a couple of weeks ago only) and a pretty marvelous recovery. (Both she and Dad ailing makes for a pretty tender domestic situation there--they're alone-- when either has a major illness. Someone has to see about it. This time both my older brother and myself stuck around to the end.) As I say, all seems well there now again however.

And now I'm back on the search for "something." Of course I've been at this a number of times before. But I feel my age at it now. Sometimes that age feels good. Sometimes pretty bad.

How are things in the sun? A hug to Daphne and all the brood. I hope things are all as you want them to be.

Affectionately,



619 Hudson Street
New York 14, N. Y.
August 12, 1962

Mr. John Figueroa
University College of the West Indies
Mone, Kingston 7
Jamaica, W. I.

Dear John Figueroa,

I have met you at a number of reasonably quiet New York functions (Bob Gilkey's, Dolly Morgan's or your own) and perhaps you will remember me. But since the meetings have been spread out over the years, you may well have to scratch your head about it.

I am writing on the outside chance (and I fully realize it may be very far outside) that there could be a spot for me at the University College this coming year. My field is perhaps rather specialized (even for a university) and of course, it's pretty late in the year. Still, it is not impossible you might be interested.

I'll sketch in something about myself, and enclose a data sheet in case you are interested.

In my seven years of teaching experience I have offered courses in voice, acting, contemporary drama, classic drama, and seminar for advanced studies in theatre.

Before teaching (and since) I have had considerable experience in the professional theatre, and in the allied fields of radio and television, performing, writing, and producing. (I am a member of Actor's Equity, and Writer's Guild of America.)

I hold the degree of Doctorat de l'Universite de Paris. I not only took my degree in Paris, but have resided in various cities of Europe for quite a few years, have returned frequently since, and I am well acquainted with the theatre there. I have a fluent command of French, a working knowledge of other languages.

My last position was at Vassar College where I taught the advanced courses in dramatic literature and shared in the direction of plays at the Experimental Theatre there. (The direction of plays has also been a constant occupation during the teaching years.)

I had expected to take this year off for writing, but a change in circumstances has rendered this unfeasible. I know it's an outside chance, but if you should be interested at University College I would be most pleased to hear from you.

In any event I hope I may see you again John. Dolly Morgan is still around; Bob Gilkey was here off and on this summer, but I missed him, and he's now in Ankara. My best to you and family.

Sincerely,

Lyle Joyce

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OUR REFERENCE

MONA, KINGSTON 7

JAMAICA W.I.

3rd September 1962

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
KINGSTON.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

In the absence of Mr. Wynter, who is
off the Island on a short tour of the Eastern Caribbean,
I write to thank you for your letter of 29th August
about Mr. Rainford.

Yours sincerely,

S. J. Raffell

Secretary to
Director of Extra-Mural Studies.

With Mr. J. A. Haynes' Compliments

BOOKER BROTHERS, McCONNELL & CO., LIMITED,
Bucklersbury House, 83 Cannon Street,
LONDON, E.C.4

3rd September, 1962.

H.P. Jacobs Esq.,
c/o Farquharson Institute of
Public Affairs,
13 East Street,
Kingston,
JAMAICA.

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

Thank you for your letter of August 18th. It was good of you to write so fully about your son's position. I apologise for the delay in my reply, but I have only recently returned from the West Indies myself.

I am afraid that when I spoke to Peter Abrahams and suggested that it might be worth your writing to us, I was under the impression that what you had in mind in thinking of Bookers was some form of post-graduate training for your son leading to a business career. However, I had obviously got hold of the wrong end of the stick since it is a scholarship for historical research leading to a career in the Library Service that your son is planning. This being so, I am very sorry indeed if I raised any false hopes through Peter since Bookers' policy over university scholarship grants is at present to restrict these to technical subjects such as agriculture or engineering which lead to a career in Bookers, or in some other way connected with our operations. The only exception we make to this policy is the comparatively rare grant of a small sum to the occasional Guianese who, for one reason or another, has found himself financially embarrassed towards the end of his studies. Our contribution towards higher education in the West Indies has in the past been concentrated mainly on very substantial grants to the U.W.I. to use as they think fit.

I can see what a disappointment it will be for your son if he has to forego his hopes for research and I only wish we could help, but I am sure you will understand that

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in the circumstances there really is nothing we can do.
But I hope that, at the least, he will find his year's
course in librarianship to be fruitful.

Yours sincerely,

(J.A. Magness)

c.c. Peter Abrahams Esq.

29th August, 1962.

The Secretary,
The Selection Committee,
Rhodes Scholarship,
U.W.I.,
Kingston 7.

Dear Sir,

Re application of Mr. Roderick Rainford

I have known Mr. Rainford for the past five years. I first met him when I was editor of Public Opinion and he brought some of his verses to me. I was so impressed with his literary promise that I published several of his poems in a number of issues of Public Opinion. I also commissioned him to write a Christmas story one year and he produced an excellent story which I also published.

From this you will gather that I have a high opinion of Mr. Rainford's talents and promise as a writer. I think that, given the chance, he might easily develop into a very good Jamaican writer in later years. Of course he has limitations. I have gained the impression that he lacks a certain freedom in the use of language which makes his writing a little stilted and old fashioned. But this, as with so much else in writing, will be overcome only with practice and the development of his education and knowledge. Certainly, he possesses the major ingredients that go into the making of a writer: sensitivity, a feel for language and a delicate feel for people.

I am not in a position to discuss his schooling or his background but from conversations I have had with him I have gained the impression that the education he now has has been acquired by dint of hard work and great personal effort rather than through any economic advantage his family could confer on him. I do not think he has the brilliant kind of intelligence usually possessed by a scholarship winner, but I do know that he has a painstaking capacity for hard work and a remarkable consistency, for one so young, in following through whatever he undertakes. I think your committee could probably have other applicants with more brilliant academic backgrounds and qualifications but I doubt very much whether it will have another with the dedicated determination of Roderick Rainford to fit himself to play a useful part in the life of his community.

For this reason I recommend him wholeheartedly as a worthy candidate for a Rhodes scholarship.

Yours sincerely,

PA/ul.

Peter Abrahams.

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THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

FROM THE SECRETARY
THE SELECTION COMMITTEE IN JAMAICA

TELEPHONE: 76661
CABLE ADDRESS 'RHOJAM'

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WEST INDIES
MONA, KINGSTON 7,
JAMAICA, W.I.

4th June, 1962.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Your name has been given as a referee by Mr. R. G. Rainford a candidate for the 1963 Jamaica Rhodes Scholarship. I should be grateful if you would send me, as soon as convenient, a confidential statement about him. This would be well appreciated by the Selection Committee which will be holding its first meeting shortly.

2. The basis of selection by the Committee is that section of the Will of Mr. Rhodes in which he mentioned the qualities which he desired in his scholars, the first two of which he considered the most important: (i) literary and scholastic attainments; (ii) qualities of manhood, truthfulness, courage, devotion to duty sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship; (iii) exhibition of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his fellows; and (iv) physical vigour as shown by fondness for or success in manly outdoor activities.

3. The selection is not made, however, on any system of averaging up a man's qualifications under all those heads. Committees are interested in men who show promise of outstanding achievement in later life in their particular callings. For this, distinction of intellect and character are the most important requirements and the Committee will be particularly interested in your critical estimate of the candidate on these points.

4. We should be grateful if in replying you will give us a balanced picture of the candidate and not group your comments under the headings of the qualifications.

5. Please do not hesitate to speak of the candidate's limitations as well as his strong points. A critical appraisal of his qualifications will add rather than detract from the force of your letter, since Committees tend naturally to be dubious of recommendations which imply that a given individual has no limitations whatever.

6. Since the Committee needs time to consider the credentials of a number of applicants, I should be grateful if you would reply at your earliest convenience. Your letter will be treated as strictly confidential.

Yours sincerely,

H. L. Wynter
H. L. Wynter
Secretary to the Selection Committee.

Mr. P. Abrahams,
West Indian Economics, KINGSTON

3rd July, 1962.

Mr. Edwin Chapman,
c/o The Library,
U.C.W.I.,
Mona.

Dear Mr. Chapman,

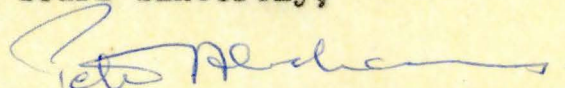
Forgive me for only now replying to your letter of April 21 with which you enclose the article "Jamaica's Red Letter Election". The truth is that the letter got covered under a mountain of paper on my desk and I have only now worked my way down to it. I know this is a horrible confession of inefficiency but it is the truth.

About your article, it strikes me as being more an outline than a full-dressed treatment of your subject. It is the kind of thing the Gleaner would run, except of course that the Gleaner would not publish that kind of viewpoint, or that one of our more glossy monthly magazines would be interested in, again given the point that they are not scared of unpopular opinions.

For the West Indian Economist it is a little too superficial a treatment of an important subject. For instance you say that the Gleaner criticised both the Americans and the British attempts to promote peace in Laos as "appeasement", but you do not document this statement. You say that a Marxist Socialist was appointed Secretary-General of NATO but you do not say who he is. You say the P.N.P. expelled its suspected Marxists but you do not say who they were and you do not give the background of the events leading up to the expulsions. I can go on pointing out this sort of lack of documentation right through your article. I think if you will treat the subject in depth and let it run to about three or four times its present length you could make a very useful contribution to current thinking on this very important matter.

Certainly I would be very interested in seeing such a treatment.

Yours sincerely,




Peter Abrahams.

PA/ul
Encl.

26th January, 1962.

Public Relations Officer,
U.C.W.I., Mona,
Kingston 7.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Abrahams regrets
that owing to a previous engagement
they will be unable to attend the
Presentation of Graduates to H.R.H.
the Princess Alice, Countess of
Athlone on Saturday the 10th of
February, 1962, at 8:15 p.m.


Secretary/Accountant

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Chancellor of the University College

ON SATURDAY, THE 10th OF FEBRUARY, 1962

At 8.15 p.m.

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DR. P. S. NOBLE

VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

R.S.V.P. by January 27 to
Public Relations Officer,
U.C.W.I. Mona.

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Telegrams : University, St. Lucia.

6th. December, 1961.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
The W.I. Economist,
Jamaica.

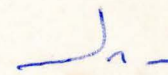
Dear Peter,

I'd like to say how much I (and others here) agree with your editorial in the November Economist, particularly the points about the failure of the middle classes to become 'involved', the gulf between the intellectuals and the masses, and the lack of expression of radical thinking through newspapers and periodicals. Now that the Trinidad Guardian has become Thompsonised, and the Advocate made King-size, there's only ~~only~~ one or two newspapers in the British Caribbean making any attempt to give intelligent comment from a relatively detached viewpoint. (This might make a useful article - an analysis of journalistic standards). The only currents of ideas seem to be the soufriere-like vapours generated by demagogues on market steps - here we are blasted from our beds nightly, but thank God the Town Council elections are over today.

On the importance of education rather than lamenting the ignorance of the masses, as you mention it, you may be interested in the enclosed articles printed in the Voice of St. Lucia in November, aiming to be a plan for development in the sphere of Adult Education. I have always hoped that the Extra Mural Depts. could do more in this general field, where our work could interlock with the overall economic and educational development of a society, and not be limited to providing classes for the already educated. Do you think it is worth while making this into an article on Mass Education and the Development of the Small Islands?. I'd be grateful for comments.

Best wishes to you,

Yours sincerely



Resident Tutor.

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C. L. + 1962.

*With the compliments of
Sir Harold Mitchell*

THE TIMES, LONDON
NOVEMBER 27, 1961

ENTRY INTO BRITAIN

CLAIMS OF WEST INDIES

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—While few will quarrel with some restriction on Commonwealth immigration, particularly of persons medically unfit or with criminal records, there are strong reasons for adopting a generous attitude towards the West Indies.

The Antilles offer little possibility of further agricultural development. It is indeed likely that employment in this field will tend with mechanization, and perhaps increased competition arising out of the Common Market, to diminish. Mrs. Ruth Glass has pointed out in your columns, on November 22, how slender a contribution to the problem is made by industrialization, despite its cost.

Great Britain was responsible for bringing forcibly from Africa a large proportion of the forebears of the present population of the West Indies. Times may have changed, but the moral claims of the West Indies are in a different category to those of other Commonwealth, and still more non-Commonwealth, countries.

The attitude of other nations towards their Antillean responsibilities is interesting. Not only have citizens of Martinique, Guadeloupe and French Guiana the full right of entry to France, where many in fact now live, but steps are being taken to tackle the unemployment problem in the French Antilles by special training courses financed out of the French budget in order to prepare trainees for work in France. Recently a group of Dutch industrialists visited the Netherlands Antilles. In their report the mission advised the investigation of the possibilities of attracting Antillean personnel for work in the industries of the Netherlands. Puerto Ricans, of course, have unrestricted entry to the United States.

In a letter on November 21 Mr. E. A. Webster attacks West Indian politicians on the grounds of their lack of education and of political ideas. On the contrary, considering that universal franchise has existed in these territories for under 20 years, the successful introduction of a political system, closely based on that of Great Britain, is a tribute both to the politicians and to the electorates. Though their views differ widely, no one would suggest that Sir Grantley Adams, Prime Minister of the West Indies, Mr. Norman Manley, Premier of Jamaica, Dr. Eric Williams, Premier of Trinidad, or Dr. Cheddi Jagan, Premier of British Guiana, was not a highly educated man.

Having had for some years, while a member of Parliament, the responsibility of interviewing on behalf of my party everyone who aspired to become one of its prospective parliamentary candidates (including more than one member of the present Government) I feel that I may venture to express a considered view on politicians. So far as literacy is concerned, as a university lecturer on the Caribbean who has travelled widely in that area, and who has also had a house in Jamaica for a quarter of a century, I have yet to meet the "near illiterate" West Indian politicians whom your correspondent believes to be so numerous. West Indians have been accused of trying to export their unemployment problem, but Great Britain cannot escape substantial past responsibility for actions which led to the creation of the problem.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

HAROLD P. MITCHELL

Stanford University, California.

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Telegrams : University, St. Lucia.

1st. October, 1961.

Dear Peter,

I enclose a copy of a letter to the "Manchester Guardian that might be of interest to you as trying to sum up reactions here to the referendum vote, or might be useful for the W.I.Economist.

With it my best wishes to you,

Yours sincerely

J.B.
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1st. October, 1961.

The Editor,
'The Guardian',
Manchester,
England.

Dear Sir,

In St. Lucia now it is by no means commonly assumed that the Referendum vote in Jamaica will mean for the West Indies 'something akin to political disaster' - Brian Chapman's phrase in his recent article. The first shock of the result has been followed, if anything, by a sense of relief, that the burdens heaped on the Federation at the London Conference are not to be permanent; that, in fact, the pup is not to be thrown into the Caribbean with ten millstones round its neck.

From a small island point of view, it is becoming increasingly clear that the problems of at least seven out of the original ten units cannot be solved at local level, and that therefore the degree of local autonomy - and its top heavy governmental machinery - ratified by the London Conference constituted a considerable hindrance to real advancement - i.e. a betterment of the conditions of body and mind of the peoples of these small islands.

In St. Lucia, now, for instance, a very great number of people are suffering from bilharzia (most of the streams are infected, and alternative sources of water supply are extremely inadequate); there is a considerable incidence of gonorrhoea; a very high infant mortality rate (107) - about 36% of all deaths in the island last year was of infants under the age of one year, according to official statistics, which are almost certainly conservative; the biggest single cause of death is gastro-enteritis, rooted in poor public health conditions; and the great mass of the people are illiterate or semi-literate. As in most, if not all of the Leewards and Windwards, the standards of teachers and public servants are, in general, extremely low; economic opportunities are limited - a fact abundantly confirmed by the rate of flow of emigration; there is little evidence of intelligent overall planning of island resources and services; above all, perhaps, there is certainly little evidence that the islands possess the skilled human resources capable of initiating such planning. The best are being creamed off to England or to the larger islands, and, if anything, standards in the public services in the small islands are falling. A central problem, in brief, is how to attract the qualified people that are needed to direct the services of the small islands. At the moment, they will not come, for a complexity of reasons that include lack of adequate salaries, of research facilities, of opportunities for professional interchange of ideas

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of intellectual interchange at any level, of educational facilities for ~~the~~ children, of leisure provision etc. etc. To these reasons may be added social, sometimes racial, sometimes political, climates that anyone with an experience of bigger worlds must find in vaying degrees confining, in some cases claustrophobically.

In sum, we have a context the problems of which can only be solved at a Federal level. Yet to answer them, the London Conference supplied the absurd anomaly of agglomerations of local power, and a weak Federal centre. All these islands have been to the highest degree orientated - mentally and economically - on the United Kingdom; even the closest have little or no relationships with each other, nor very much feeling for each other, as the present strong secession movements in Nevis and Anguilla within the territory of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla show only too clearly. Yet the London Conference gave no hope of a new centre, no hope of a dynamic West Indian source of thinking and planning to replace the old colonial source. By allowing the small islands so much power to paddle round on their own, it perpetuated the old isolationism.

Brian Chapman has it that 'reason and imagination have finally been defeated by pettiness and dark obscurantism'. The issues seem to me far less simple than that. The results of the London Conference were by no means the ~~xxxxx~~ fruits of ^areason and imagination, but had the sour taste of the most uneasy kind of compromise, whereby the real issues - i.e. the ways in which the needs of the West Indian people could best be answered - were avoided by confusing the needs of the people with the aspirations of their politicians; though it is only fair to say that the best of the politicians, like Dr. Williams, were highly dissatisfied with the Conference. The total impression of the Conference, in fact, was not of 'reason and imagination', but of an expediency based on an indecorous - if understandable - haste on the part of the Colonial Office to get shod of the whole issue as quickly as possible.

Now Jamaicans have given us a chance to shrug off the burdens imposed by the Conference before they become permanent attachments, and there is a sense of relief abroad, of hopes of another chance where more realistic thinking will prevail, and the social and economic needs of the people of the West Indies will not be simply identified with ~~the~~ imposing forms of political advancement. There are signs, too, that the Referendum vote may set off a ggod deal of anti-politician feeling in these islands, as more and more people realise that each island simply cannot afford to carry such unwieldy and expensive ornaments as the ministerial system - that such a system, when its results are related to the underprivileged conditions of life of the majority of the people, is so much of an anomaly as to be farcical. 'What we need's a nice borough

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council here, and a strong Government in Trinidad'. This idea has been re-echoing amongst people of all economic levels on the island in the past ~~in~~ few days.

The main obstacle to the shedding of the ministerial system in the small islands is, of course, the new vested interest ^{confirmed} ~~created~~ by the London Conference - the political class now in power. There are men of goodwill amongst them, though the quality of planning at local level shows clearly the limitations of their competence; there are also local demagogues to whom the taste of power is sweet, and who realise that their power depends on the maintenance of local autonomy, for they would be irrelevant to schemes of federal planning. It will be interesting to see how many of the small island politicians will be big enough to be willing to forfeit their own power for the sake of a greater whole.

All hopes, of course, are finally centred on Dr. Eric Williams, though few could blame him if he disappointed those hopes. For a very long time, the Leewards and Windwards will be an economic drag on whoever takes them on, and ~~the~~ ^{all the} people I've talked to have no doubts that Trinidad will have to have it made worth her while to shoulder the responsibilities of the ~~small~~ small islands.... 'But if he did, and they could persuade Cheddi to come in, man, that would really be something'. So optimism flowers.... any solution rather than the present Constitution, , , , based finally on the growing understanding that economic realities are more important than political forms. It may be doubtful if all these dreams can be realised, but there, at least, is the seed of a new and healthier outlook.

In the leading article of this week's 'Voice of St. Lucia' (30th. September, 1961), the writer warmly congratulates the backwoodsman of Jamaica for having delivered such a salutary kick in the pants to the West Indian leaders; and continues, in hot triumph:

'History will show that the Referendum marked the emancipation - the mental emancipation, the rebirth - of the West Indies and Jamaica and that the Jamaica backwoodsman - if his voice is heeded - saved Jamaica and the rest of the West Indies if it is not already too late, from the necessity of undergoing in the years ahead a painful and bloody readjustment such as is now taking place in Cuba...'

There is a good deal of cogency in the reference. In most of the small islands, the majority of the people are hemmed in by ignorance and disease, and wide educational and economic gulfs separate the masses from the masses, the relatively ~~small~~ small middle ~~classes~~ and upper classes. Unless there is an ~~intelligent~~ intelligently planned attempt to raise the standards and opportunities of the masses, and thus to break down the barriers between them and the middle classes, there can only only be expectations of

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severe class frictions in the Eastern Caribbean. ^{And such} ~~Such~~ an attempt to raise mass standards throughout the small islands could only derive from planning at a federal level. Even in terms of the most cynical self-interest, therefore, - a simple desire to obviate the dangers of an impending class struggle - a Federal set-up with a strong centre is a necessity.

Certainly things will be difficult. They may even be chaotic. But here, at the moment, the general feeling is, I think, that even this is preferable to the solution of the ten millstones. At least we are in there with the chance of a new solution - not of a Federation at any price, but of a meaningful Federation.

I am, sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. S.

Resident Tutor, U.C.W.I.

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Some of the disfavor. Not at all to be regretted,
however. I should like to do some more articles on
West India literature before leaving; and, if possible,
find a job whereby the connection could be
continued. There's a lectureship in Adult Education,
mainly to teach overseas students, going at Manchester,
and I shall have a go at this.

Will this break-up in the British Caribbean
affect the 'W. I. Economist'? Hope not adversely.
My best wishes to you.

Yours sincerely

J. B.

P.S. Would you send me 1 doz. copies of both the
Feb. + March issues, please.

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18th March, 1962.

Dear Penn,

I'm pleased to have your note accepting the Calibishie + Orchid House articles; and submit the enclosed on 'Education + The Development of St. Lucia' for your consideration; an attempt to suggest an education system deriving from the social + economic situation in St. Lucia at the present time. Perhaps you'd also be good enough to tell me whether or not you'd like to use it. The lecture aroused a lot of discussion here, and I'm hoping the minister is going to bite on it.

Since I last wrote, the Director of Extra-Mural Studies has informed me, as I suspected he would, that my contact with CEWS will be severed, + it finishes in December. In all modesty, I'm not sure my work deserves such short shrift; so probably the 'Vices' article may account for at least

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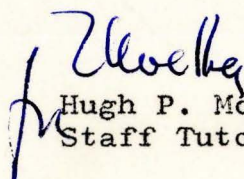
JAMAICA W.I.

5th June, 1961.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Please accept this cheque as a token of appreciation
for your kind help with our programme Nos. 8 & 12, of
AFRICA PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

Yours sincerely,


Hugh P. Morrison
Staff Tutor in Radio Education

encl: One
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For £5.5.0.....

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Mr. Peter Abrahams,
164, Harbour St.,
Kingston.

9th February, 1961.

Public Relations Officer,
U.C.W.I.,
Kingston 7.

Dear Sir,

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Abrahams accepts with pleasure your very kind invitation on the occasion of the Presentation of Graduates to Her Royal Highness, the Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, on Saturday, 18th February, 1961 at 8.15 p.m.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary/Accountant.

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JAMAICA W.1

5th December, 1960.

Dear Peter,

The Radio Education of the Extra-Mural Department wishes to prepare a series of radio programmes for distribution around the Caribbean under the general title "Africa, Past, Present and Future."

Recently you were kind enough to give a lecture at the University College of the West Indies for a series under this same title. Would it be possible for you to give us a shortened version of the lecture already delivered?

Our radio programmes are half-an-hour in length. May we consult with you as to how best to use the material offered by you for such a time period.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Sincerely,
Hugh

Hugh P. Morrison,
Staff Tutor,
Radio Education.

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
West Indies Economist,
West Indies General Insurance Ltd.,
164, Harbour Street,
Kingston.

HPM/cr.

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JAMAICA W.I.

17th October 1960

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

The Literary Society of the U.C.W.I. has planned, as part of this year's programme, to invite speakers on various literary topics. It is hoped that this will stimulate the interest of members and of students in general.

I have been instructed by the Society to ask you if you will be so kind as to assist us in making this programme successful by giving an address. Subject to your approval, the topic "Politics in the West Indian Novel" and the date 5th or 19th November have been suggested.

If neither of these suits you, we shall be glad to have you speak on any aspect of literature at any time convenient for you. We trust, Sir, that this matter will receive your consideration.

5th or 19th Nov. ?

I remain,
yours respectfully,
Emily Anthony (Secy.)

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JAMAICA, B.W.I

14th October, 1960.

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
Editor,
"The West Indian Economist",
164-6, Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Open Course Lectures :
"Africa - past, present & future".

Dr. Augier has asked me to remind you about the date of the lecture which you have very kindly promised to give in this series, i.e., "Political Developments in South Africa" - Tuesday, 22nd November.

Dr. Augier would like very much to have a talk with you about these lectures, and would appreciate it if you could telephone him so as to arrange a time that you could both meet. His telephone number is 7661, Extension 447.

Yours sincerely,

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Patricia Harr

(Secretary to Professor Waterlow)

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25th July, 1960.

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Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
Editor,
"The West Indian Economist",
164-6, Harbour Street, Kingston.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Open Course Lectures.

In Professor Waterlow's absence, I am writing to thank you for your letter to him of 21st July. He will be very pleased to hear that you will be able to give your lecture on South Africa on November the 22nd. Thank you also for letting us know the exact title. I am sure that Dr. Augier will be able to give you any further information that you may need about this series of lectures.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Hall

(Secretary to Professor Waterlow)

/ph

July 21, 1960.

J.C. Waterlow, M.D.,
Professor of Experimental Medicine
Tropical Metabolism Research Unit
University College of the West Indies
KINGSTON 7.

Dear Professor Waterlow:

I am extremely sorry that I was not able to come to the meeting. I had to leave town urgently on that day and could not get back in time.

I shall be glad to give a talk on South Africa on November 22nd and I think as good a title as any would be "Political Developments in South Africa".

I shall get in touch with Roy Augier to get a picture of how you plan to integrate the lecture.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Abrahams.

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OPEN COURSE LECTURES - MICHAELMAS TERM, 1960.

General Topic : "Africa - past, present and future".

- 11th October. Dr. M.G. Smith - African political forms.
- 18th October. Dr. Roy Augier - Europe and Africa.
- 25th October. Dr. R.B. Davison - Title to be announced.
- 1st November. Mr. Dudley Thompson - (East Africa)
Title to be announced.
- 8th November. Dr. Arthur Lewis - Political developments
in West Africa.
- 15th November. Mr. H.H. Nicholson - (North Africa)
Title to be announced.
- 22nd November. Mr. Peter Abrahams - (South Africa)
Title to be announced.
- 29th November. Forum of speakers and general discussion.

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6th July, 1960.

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
Editor,
"The West Indian Economist",
164, Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

I am very sorry that you were not able to come to our meeting as arranged last night. Could you please let me know definitely whether it will be convenient for you to lecture in the Open Course series on Tuesday, 22nd November, at 8.15 p.m., on the general subject of political developments in South Africa? I very much hope that you will also be able to come to the other lectures in this series, which will be given on every Tuesday at 8.15 p.m., starting on October the 11th.

If you wish for any further information about the general programme, and the way in which we are trying to integrate the lectures of this series, perhaps you would be good enough to get in touch with Dr. Roy Augier or Dr. M. G. Smith.

Lastly, could you please let me know as soon as possible the exact title of your lecture, as the College authorities wish to draw up the programme in good time?

Yours sincerely,

John Waterlow
J. C. Waterlow, M.D.,
Professor of Experimental Medicine.

JW/ph

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13th June, 1960.

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
Editor, "West Indian Economist",
164, Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

I am writing to you as chairman of the committee that is organizing what we call the Open Course Lectures, for the coming academic year. We think of having a series of lectures on Africa this next winter, and I wondered whether you would be good enough to give one. I enclose a note of the provisional programme as we are planning it at the moment. The fact that I have included your name does not, of course, mean that you are in any way committed.

It has been suggested that it would be a good idea if we could get together those of the speakers who are available, as well as members of the committee, and discuss the general plan of the series of lectures. Would you be willing to come to such a meeting? If the general opinion is favourable, we might try to arrange it for one evening towards the end of this month.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. Waterlow, M.D.

Professor of Experimental Medicine.

OPEN COURSE LECTURES.

Provisional proposals for the Michaelmas term, 1960.

Topic : Africa, past present and future.

1. Historical background: "the grab for Africa". Dr. Augier.
2. Economics and labour. Dr. Davison.
3. Social institutions. Dr. M. Smith.
4. South Africa. Mr. Abrahams.
5. East Africa. Mr. Thompson.
6. North Africa. Dr. Nicholson
(British Guiana).
7. West Africa - political developments. Dr. Arthur Lewis.

Note:

The idea is to have three general lectures, followed by four on the different regions, because the four regions, North, South, East and West, differ so greatly in their history, culture and political development. It is the aim of the course to give a general picture, which will bring out both similarities and contrasts. The speakers in the last four lectures should be free to develop the topic in their own way according to their experience.

Personal

88 Charles Street

New York 14, N.Y.

July 14, 1960

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Dear Peter,

I have been looking forward to hearing from you and hoping for some news of my novel. I've been marking time, hoping every week that some word would come from you, and of course no earnest writer would allow anything to put him off, but there it is, the intermittent writing that I do seems to me to ~~only~~ be only practice swings while I await a verdict from you.

And I would much appreciate it if you would give me your judgement of it. I would also like to have the ~~manuscript~~ manuscript back and am enclosing a money order for five dollars to cover the cost of postage. It is heavy I know to send by air mail or air parcel post and the five dollars may not cover the cost, in which case send it by ordinary mail, and please register it so as to help ensure its safe delivery.

Read and enjoyed your article on Harlem in the June HOLIDAY. I kept wondering as I read whether the girl who became your charming cicerone was the girl you described who had spent some time in Jamaica as your guest. It was a pleasing notion anyhow to think I knew the original of an un-named person marching across the pages of your article.

I expect it will be some time before the article on Puerto Rico is published. If you get over to Puerto Rico again do look up Keith Botsford who is head of the Department of Comparative Literature at the University of PR. He edits a magazine of contemporary Caribbean Literature.

I have been back at my substantive job with the New York Public Library since May 13, when my six months leave of absence was up. Unfortunately nothing of any consequence in jobs turned up at the University College as I had hoped it would but something may come up this September.

Do let me have word from you soon. Warmest regards to you and to the family.

Yours,

Olin Kitzpatrick

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Dear Peter,

I hope that by now Irene has told you that I was quite disappointed to have missed you last Saturday. I got back to my office after twelve o'clock and found your message that you had called. Unfortunately when I called your office you had already gone since there was no answer. I had no idea that you would have been returning so soon from Puerto Rico. I imagine that you will go back for another visit before completing your article. In any event the UCWI had as one of its guests from the University of Puerto Rico for our convocation on February 25 Keith Botsford, professor of Comparative literature. He is very interested in writers in the West Indies as he publishes a magazine of poetry and prose. I told him that you were now living in Jamaica and he was dismayed when I told him that you were then visiting Puerto Rico. He admires your writing and would have liked very much to have talked to you. He is quite a young and enthusiastic young man, half American and half Italian, ~~his only~~ who has a serious lack in that he doesn't drink anything except wine in limited amounts while smoking a fiendishly powerful tobacco in his pipe. Perhaps you will find the time to call on him if you make another visit to Puerto Rico.

I hope you got your ~~typewriter~~ typewriter safely. I cannot be grateful enough to you for having lent it to me, and for your other very wonderful generousities, ~~above~~ above all your support at a time when I needed it most.

And I shall be eternally grateful for your help and advice on the novel if you can find the time to write me about it. I would have wished to be able to talk to you about it. I have a carbon of it to work with in the meantime and when you are through I would be grateful if you would package it and have it weighed at the Post Office and let me know how much it will cost to send it on to me. It is rather heavy and I'm sure it will cost a packet to mail, so let me know and I shall send you a draft to cover the postage.

I may have to return to Jamaica for the inquest. I don't know the legal necessities in these matters. There is nothing I would like better than to come back shortly except for the cost to me of the trip. Perhaps ~~in~~ and affidavit ~~will~~ all that will be required. Nevertheless if I don't have to return ~~soon~~ I shall in any event be coming back to Jamaica quite soon to settle down permanently as soon as this present fund raising job is over whether or not a ~~job~~ position is waiting for me. ~~there~~ I think I ought to be able to survive there by one means or another.

New York has been bitterly cold ever since my arrival on Sunday morning, mainly in the middle twenties with winds of over forty miles an hour. This reinforces all my stronger reasons for wanting to come ~~back~~ back.

My warmest regards to you and to Daphne and your lovely children. I must set about raising some myself to offset my envy of you and yours.

Oliver

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19th May, 1960



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Mr Peter Abrahams,

Dear Sir/~~Madam,~~

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting of the Committee of Trustees appointed by the Guild Of Undergraduates to be responsible for the fund raised in connection with the recent incidents in South Africa. The meeting takes place at the Students' Union on Wednesday 25th instant at 8:00 p.m.

Trusting that you will be able to attend,

Yours sincerely,

Wahid Ali
Wahid Ali,
President, Guild of Undergraduates.

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XM/REU - p

MONA, ST. ANDREW

JAMAICA B.W.I.

30th October, 1958.

Mr. Peter Abrahams
Editor
The West Indian Economist
164-166 Harbour Street
KINGSTON.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

We have decided to re-broadcast a three programme series you recorded for us in December 1956 entitled RACE AND COLOUR. We would however, with your permission, like to introduce additional voices into the recordings as we have found from experience that by so doing, there is greater listening appeal than when a single voice narrates.

Enclosed you will see programme one retyped from your original script to include two voices. We would be grateful if you would adjust programmes two and three in the same way or grant us permission to make such amendments. You may at the same time wish to make further amendments to programmes two and three to bring them up to date.

We are scheduling these re-broadcasts beginning January 20, 1959; but we are anxious to have the scripts returned to us, as soon as possible since arrangements for new recordings will have to be made well in advance of that date.

Yours sincerely,

Cicely -

Cicely Waite-Smith

CWS:lf

P.S. Dear Peter, these talks on Race & Colour are so good (it would be so appropriate just after Xmas) I hope you approve of our idea of bringing up presentation. All that's good - C.B.

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REU A/6

MONA, ST. ANDREW

JAMAICA, B.W.I.

27th September, 1958.

Mr. Peter Abrahams
87 Harbour Street
Kingston.

Dear Peter,

Perhaps Errol Hill mentioned to you that we are anxious to record the CREATIVE ARTS series of discussions to which you contributed a paper. I hope you will be willing to do this for us. We hope to record in a few weeks time.

However, I notice that your paper is a little short for a 15 minute programme and I wonder if you would be able to add about a page to it. Please let us know if you need a copy of your paper to do this and we will send it along.

All good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Cicely

Cicely Waite-Smith

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JAMAICA, B.W.I.

6th. October, 1958.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
Editor,
The West Indian Economist,
164-166 Harbour Street,
KINGSTON.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Enclosed please find a copy of your talk : -

NATIONALISM IN ART - (Of series The Arts And the Community)

as requested by you in a letter dated 2nd. October. An additional three pages might bring it to the desired duration.

We hope that this will not prove too troublesome, and we shall advise you later of dates of recording and subsequent broadcast.

Sincerely,

Cicely

Cicely Waite-Smith
Acting Unit Supervisor,
Radio Education Unit.

CWS:ah
encl:

P.S. Dear Peter, thanks for answering so promptly & being so willing to cooperate. I very much like your Economist - I hope it is doing as well as it deserves.

2nd Oct., 1958.

Mrs. Cicely Waite-Smith,
Extra Mural Department,
U.C.W.I.,
MONA

Dear Cicely,

Errol Hill did mention to me that you might record the series of discussions on the Creative Arts and I will certainly record mine for you if you wish.

If you will let me have my paper back, or a copy thereof, I will do what I can to lengthen it.

Warmest regards,

Peter Abrahams.
Editor.

PA/ss

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MONA, ST. ANDREW,
JAMAICA, B.W.I.

28th..November...1956.

OUR REFERENCE

Dear Peter,

I thought I would put down in this letter the dates suggested for the forthcoming radio series - Race and Colour. These are December 27, January 3, and January 10.

You will remember that I suggested that as December 27 is in the middle of the Christmas season, we might use the idea of the three wise men as people of different colours. Their names were Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the last being the Ethiopian, I think.

I mentioned this idea to Mr. Sherlock who has provided a poem by Claude McKay, a copy of which I am enclosing.

Be seeing you and thanks for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh P.

(Hugh P. Morrison)
Staff Tutor in
Radio Education

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