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CORRECTION

See page 3 of Alumina News, Vol. 33 No. 1, Monday, January 31, 1994.

In the article "Bob Fox on the Industry", Mr. Fox is wrongly quoted as having said "... we have 70.000 tonnes too much alumina...."

The sentence should read "... we have **700,000** tonnes too much alumina..."

Alumina News apologizes for the error.

Diocese of Jamaica



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.....February 13, 1992

The Editor
The Daily Gleaner
North Street
Kingston

Sir:

On behalf of the Diocese of Jamaica I write to clarify for the Gleaner and the general public certain distortions in an Article published in the Sunday Gleaner of February 9, 1992 (front page) entitled "No room for Miss May".

The distortions are in three areas primarily:

- 1) The intention of the Bequest of Farquharson House
- 2) The question of financial accountability contained in the Article, and
- 3) The matter of a request on behalf of "friends" of Miss Farquharson for a place in Farquharson House so as to make possible her continuing treatment without too much anxiety and harrassment as she pursued therapy at the Nuttall Hospital.

Firstly, in the Instrument of Transfer under the Registration of Titles Law, transferring the property now known as Farquharson House to the Incorporated Lay Body of the Church in Jamaica, the intention as stated paragraph two - "The Transferee - the Diocese of Jamaica - should hold the said property and the building thereon as a Home for accommodating aged Clergy of the Church of England in Jamaica who have retired and their wives or widows or other dependent families and in addition and accordingly to the availability of accommodation and with the approval of the Bishop of Jamaica - such other aged persons not necessarily members of the Church of England and convalescent patients at the Nuttall Memorial Hospital as may, in the opinion of the Bishop of Jamaica, require accommodation or be unable to afford to reside in the main Hospital and also such female persons employed in the Corporate Area of Kingston and St. Andrew as may be in need of assistance."

The Article, therefore, wrongly states - "The understanding was that it should be used as a retirement home for professional gentlewomen, nurses, teachers, etc. Ladies in straightened circumstances were to be accommodated free. Others were to pay what they could afford."

Secondly, the Article quotes - "A source says Miss May gave an additional sum to be invested to provide a little pocket money for residents in need and was extremely annoyed when she discovered that it was not being used for the specific purpose. She demanded it to be returned in order to give it to the Salvation Army. However, it appears that the bequest was retained by the Church."

We in the Diocese are not aware of any such bequest or of having retained an amount which it was her intention to be given to the Salvation Army. Our information is, by a credible person, that this amount was given to a non-Church Institution and, therefore, we feel severely aggrieved when accusations like these are made without any effort to investigate the circumstances.

The Article states that "after the fire which destroyed a wing of the Farquharson House, Miss Farquharson donated money to reconstruct some rooms, on the understanding that she could live there one day" and passes the judgement that it appears that because there was no legal Agreement, Miss Farquharson is being denied that privilege.

The Chairman of the Board at the time of the fire had no re-collection of any such donation, neither do our records support it and we have no knowledge of any request for that facility. This opinion may, however, have been formed in the mind of the observer because, in actuality, Miss Farquharson resided at Farquharson House as a guest of the House, from February 20, 1989 to June 17, 1990 at the end of which period she decided to return to her residence in Stony Hill.

Thirdly, on the matter of the request for Miss Farquharson's transfer to Farquharson House to continue her treatment at Nuttall, my information is that calls were made to Farquharson House requesting this accommodation but the rooms were all taken - as they still are - and this was conveyed to the callers - a statement of fact.

The Venerable Alvin Stone, Chairman of the Board of Farquharson House, on Friday 7th February, after returning from Mandeville, received a call from a lady, who refused to give her name, enquiring about a report that Miss Farquharson was being denied a room at Farquharson House, although there was a vacant room. The Archdeacon informed the lady that he would investigate the report on Saturday, which he did and discussed with the Assistant Matron the possibility of her re-location to her substantive home, so as to make possible accommodation for Miss Farquharson. The Archdeacon then went to the Nuttall Hospital, informed Miss Farquharson and the nurse attending her, that he had made interim arrangements for Miss Farquharson to be accommodated as of Saturday 15th February. Interested persons called later in the evening - one being a representative of the Farquharson Institute - and on being assured that provision was being made, promised to speak to "a close friend" of Miss Farquharson and "a lady at the Gleaner who was preparing a report for the Daily Gleaner."

Later that night, the "close friend" called the Archdeacon and was told of the arrangements which would be put in place to accommodate Miss Farquharson on the weekend of the 15th. My report is that she expressed pleasure at this.

It was, therefore, a great surprise to Archdeacon Stone when he saw the Article appearing on the front page of Sunday's Gleaner when, for the first time, on Friday evening the request had been made known to him as Chairman of the Board, the first person in the "Anglican Administration" to have been contacted on the issue.

The arrangements which he had made, however, had to be changed because of the crucial need for the Assistant Matron to be in place. Subsequently two residents of the House agreed that they would share, temporarily, one room, having shared one sometime before in the crisis caused by Gilbert.

Due to the fact that each resident is sponsored and there is a contractual responsibility to the sponsors, the approval of sponsors had to be sought. This approval was generously given and so enabling a room to be provided, incidentally, the same one Miss Farquharson had when she was there in 1989/90.

I regret the incident has caused great concern to Archdeacon Maxwell who is a resident at the House, indeed, the only Clergy resident and he has been highlighted in the incident merely by giving information and advice to the callers who never did act upon his advice that Archdeacon Stone be contacted.

Archdeacon Maxwell retired in May of 1974 and continued to act as Chairman of Farquharson House until 1981. The Venerable Alvin Stone succeeded as Chairman in 1982.

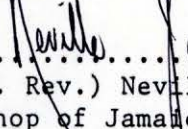
The whole incident is unfortunate and understandable in a climate where journalism has become pre-occupied with scandal and the nation is hungry to feed upon the distortions that usually come from a failure to objectively investigate matters on which persons are so quick to write especially when co-opted by those who have ulterior designs which they never seem to communicate.

I am particularly disturbed that the Gleaner Company, which accepts responsibility for no other item in publication but the Editorial, should have written such a strident editorial without any effort to check, with those who have been indicted, the veracity of statements made.

It is my prayer that informants, journalists and editors would meditate upon the responsibility which we all have to a nation re-acting to distresses which we all now endure and is about to become cannibalistic in response to persons and institutions because of our increasing sense of alienation, anguish and frustration.

I would request that in fairness to all concerned the Church's response to the indictment be given as prominent a coverage and location in your Newspaper as was the Article that subjected the Church and its leadership to great ridicule and the consequent pain and anxiety that come with these distortions. Of your generosity I ask that my request be given just and equitable consideration.

Sincerely yours

+ 
 (Rt. Rev.) Neville W. deSouza
 Bishop of Jamaica



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1 DEVON ROAD,

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KINGSTON 6, JAMAICA

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TO: Mrs Peter Abrahams

FROM: Hastley Nerita

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TO: Mr. Wilmot Perkins
KLAS

FROM: Hartley Neita

DATE: March 22, 1991

In talking to Mr. Jeremy Palmer on Monday, March 18, you said, and I quote:-

"Let me mention something about which you will perhaps be more sympathetic.

We have recently had information that the Prime Minister has had a transaction, some fifteen acres of land - of Government-owned land - had been sold to him.

The matter came to public attention because of a resolution in the House of Representatives concerning the contrast between the Government and somebody. What has not been disclosed to the public are the details of that transaction.

As far as I know, the only information that we have is that the Prime Minister bought fifteen acres of land."

On Tuesday, I drew to the attention of the Producer of your programme the fact that Mr. Manley had not purchased this land. He had, in fact, leased it. Subsequently I drew this fact to your attention personally when we spoke off-the-air during a break in your programme. You insisted that I speak to you on-the-air about it, and I refused. I said I did not think it necessary to speak on-the-air as I was merely asking you to correct what you had said.

I promised to send you the facts in writing - which I am now doing. My attention has been drawn to the fact, however, that you have on at least one previous programme, made this statement based on information KLAS has received. Yet you have not thought it important enough to - at the very least - mention that you have been subsequently informed that the land was leased and not purchased, pending hearing from me in writing.

Is it that you lack the grace of humility to acknowledge to your audience that you are not infallible.

Well, here are the facts!

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The land in question (15 acres) is part of a larger property, Bellevue, which was leased for forty-nine years by FIDCO from the Commissioner of Lands in 1979. These fifteen acres adjoin lands on which Mr. Manley has been growing coffee for the past ten or so years.

On learning in late 1989 that FIDCO did not intend to use these lands for timber production, Mr Manley enquired if he could lease it to expand his coffee farm.

FIDCO drew his request to the Commissioner of Lands and indicated there was no objection. The Commissioner gave permission to FIDCO to sub-lease the fifteen acres to Mr. Manley.

The sub-lease was signed with FIDCO April 1, 1990. It is for thirty-eight (38) years (which is the remainder of the period of the main lease by FIDCO), and calls on Mr. Manley to use it only for growing Blue Mountain coffee.

Mr. Manley is required to pay \$900 per annum for the first five years. \$1,012 per annum for the second five years, \$1,164 per annum for the third five years.

FIDCO is making a profit; and incidentally, Mr. Manley is not the only citizen of Jamaica who has leased land from the Government.

No special consideration of any nature was given to Mr. Manley, and he has now planted it out in coffee. Provision is also made for the land to be inspected from time to time to ensure that the terms of the lease are faithfully carried out by Mr. Manley.

As is required by the Constitution the following resolution was passed by Parliament.

"Be it resolved that with reference to a disclosure by the Member of Parliament for East Kingston and Port Royal to this House of his becoming a party to a certain contract with the Government of Jamaica for the lease of a parcel of land comprising fifteen (15) acres for the purpose of farming at Guava Ridge (part of Bellevue, Mavis Bank), that this House exempt the Member from vacating his seat under the provisions of section 41 (1) (F) (1) of the Constitution of Jamaica by reason of the Member becoming a party to the contract aforesaid".

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Please advise your informant that he or she should be careful about making accusations of this sort. I also suggest that you, too, ought to be more careful about propagating gossip and rumour under the guise of fact.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

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2 March, 1989

DEAR MR. ABRAHAMS:

Please find enclosed a copy of a statement on capital punishment from the Human Development and Social Justice commission of the Archdiocese of Kingston.

It was the desire of the Commission that you be made aware of our efforts in regards to this pressing issue. The Fraser Commission, established by the Government in 1975 to study the death penalty in Jamaica, concluded their report by expressing their gratitude for the opportunity of working on a topic "upon which there is as yet a strong division of public opinion but upon which there may yet be hope for compassionate improvement."

It is our desire that the enclosed statement may help in some way to bring to reality that compassionate hope.

Easter is for all of God's children. It is the celebration of life over death. May our combined works and prayers help bring the light of this hope even to the dark edges of the lives of our people on death row.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the blessings of Easter.

Sincerely yours,

+ S. E. Carter

Most Rev. Samuel E. Carter, S.J.
Archbishop of Kingston

92-79171

Gordon Town,

PO Box 15,

November 28, 1977.

Dear Peter:

I've chosen to put this on a personal rather than formal level at this stage for reasons which follow.

I'm thinking of some drastic re-organization professionally because the situation at North Street has become quite untenable. It hardly seems likely that when my sick leave is up (which, so far, is alleged to be in January, and which, by the way, should really have read "maternity leave" but then I lost the baby, it having come a month early and died).. that I can bring myself to go back to the STAR. As you can see, there is a definite trend for a return to the nastiness and even to surpass what it was like before I made the mistake (apparently) of trying to make it appeal to a wider audience by being a little less sensational and more constructive. But that is not North Street's style, so I have evidence that they're busy making things work in a way then when and if I show my face there it will be to an ultimatum... and I have a stubborn kind of pride.

Which leads to... I'm wondering if RJ would see me in the role of a commentator. I'd been asked a long time ago if I was interested in doing a Stella-type kind of thing, maybe a few times a week, five minutes or so, making comment in an informal style on aspects of the society, as I've done through the Stella line.

I'd be grateful if you could give the idea some thought for me and let me know the possibilities of getting anything going.

Regards.


Barbara Gloudon

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August 22, 1975

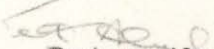
Mr. J.C. Proute,
Editor, Daily News,
58 Half Way Tree Rd.,
Kingston 10

Dear J. C.

I remind you of our recent telephone conversation concerning your unauthorised reproduction in a Daily News Supplement of my essay "The Kingdom of the Green" from the first issue of SKY WRITINGS, Air Jamaica inflight magazine. This is a clear infringement of my copyright.

As I told you, I am aware that you have already had to pay John Maxwell \$1,200 for a similar copyright infringement. And were I dealing with anybody else but you I would insist on a similar amount. However, I am prepared to settle for \$750 provided you do not force me to resort to legal action. If I have to resort to legal action then I shall, of course, insist on getting the same amount you paid Mr. Maxwell.

Yours sincerely


Peter Abrahams

19th. January, 1963

The Editor,
The Gleaner Co. Limited,
Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Sir,

I notice that in your issue of January the 18th. my friends of the consortium have returned to the attack on the subject of television standards to be adopted in Jamaica. It appears, however, that they are finding it increasingly difficult to advance objective arguments and their latest letter tends to verbosity rather than veracity. However, as I have already been accused of flippancy and sarcasm I must now be careful and not be cynical, and I will restrict my further comments to the points they raise:-

1. " We feel that it is time the Ministry of Development published a statement advising the people of Jamaica that American 525 line sets will be useless". Surely the Minister has given a clear statement of the position in indicating that the standard to be adopted in Jamaica will be 625 line C.C.I.R. and any present confusion is resulting from the activities of the persons who are challenging this decision.
2. "The public should also be told that on our proposed TV standard they will only be able to receive transmissions from our local station and nowhere else". The direct reception of TV signals with good picture quality is restricted to a very limited area. The only other country we are likely to be able to receive pictures from is, of course, Cuba. Personally, I cannot say I am very thrilled at the prospect of watching Castro cavorting before his Communist cohorts with any great enthusiasm.

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3. " Are we going to tie ourselves to the European 625 line TV standard - - - please Mr. Minister save us from our Colonial heritage". Colonialism tends to be a bad word in newly independent countries and as far as I can see this is the only reason for bringing it into the consideration of this problem. The 625 line C.C.I.R. system is that recommended by the Comite Consultatif International pour Radio. This Committee with the associated C.C.I.T.T. operates under the jurisdiction of the International Telecommunications Union, membership of which is limited to Sovereign States who are members of the United Nations. I hardly feel that the United Nations can be justly accused of Colonialism. However, it is perhaps significant that we have here an indication of another free and independent international organisation which recommends the 625 C.C.I.R. system as standard. Finally, I might add that the United States has comparatively recently adopted a number of these standards recommended by the C.C.I.T.T. and C.C.I.R. although as I have previously indicated it would be extremely hard for them, on economic grounds to change-over to the 625 line system.
4. It is suggested that Mr. Young in his letter has answered most of the points I have raised myself. Strangely enough I felt that my letter published on the same day as Mr. Youngs had answered the majority of the points raised by him.
5. Objection is taken to my statement that the majority of people visiting the United States are in the well-off category, and it is now stated that "thousands of Jamaican Farm-workers return from America every year". This is an attempt to confuse the main issue. On

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The latest figures I can find there are something like 7,400 Farm-workers in total in the States as against over 150,000 migrants in the United Kingdom. Surely our greatest concern should, therefore, be in respect of purchases made by Jamaicans in the United Kingdom.

6. "Good second-hand TV sets can be obtained cheaply in America" The use of such sets in Jamaica might create quite a problem as many of the older ones may not be as free running as would be desirable when operating from fifty cycle mains.
7. " England will not be adopting the 625 line standard for maybe another eight years". What a lot that word 'maybe' covers up. My information is that dual standard sets designed for both 405 and 625 lines have been freely on sale in the United Kingdom since 1962, and have already very aptly been named by the British public "Pilkington" sets.
8. Not less than a column and a half is devoted to a further attempt to convince the public that the 525 line system is better than the 625 line system. This includes quotations at length from the Wireless World and other Engineers. In this matter Engineers are no different from other people in having personal opinions and the Wireless World quite rightly prints both sides of a case as I can show from the following extract, which I think is a much more objective and accurate assessment of the true position:-

" No one has suggested that the definition of a 625-line picture is spectacularly better but neither does the improvement merit the term "marginal" as it has been described a number of times recently.

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If a direct comparison shows only an apparently marginal improvement then it is certain that the 625-line picture is not being displayed to full advantage.

Any comparison of line standards on screens of equal size is bound to reduce the apparent advantage of the higher standard as the eye can less readily resolve the smaller detail provided. The fair method is to display the systems, on receivers of the correct relative size, when the liness at any particular viewing distance will be seen to be the same. The increase in screen area then fairly represents the improvement of the higher standard.

In my own personal experience I have watched programmes in the United States, England and Europe, and I have no doubt whatsoever that the 625 line offers the better picture and further that the flicker is not objectionable.

The final point made by your correspondents on programmes freely admits that a lot of American programmes are poor, and this is probably why, in my opinion, they have to have six or more channels, but then goes on to bring out the red herring of the availability of American educational programmes justifying adoption of the 525-line system. I, on my part, will agree that American educational material reaches very high standards. For obvious reasons, however, nearly all this material is available on film so that it does not matter either way what standard we adopt we should be able to make use of it, and for that matter make use of the British educational material which is perhaps more closely related to the educational system existing here in Jamaica.

I am,

Yours truly,

C. R. Dickenson

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JAMAICA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

115 Spanish Town Road,
Kingston 14

6th December, 1962.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Christmas is approaching. So is the frightening season of squibs, thunderbolts and bangers. It is remarkable how the peace and serenity of Christmas can be disturbed and destroyed by the actions of a few ignorant unthinking people.

The JAMAICA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS in recent years has appealed to the people of Jamaica to join in a campaign to exercise control by Legislation of the intemperate use of fire-crackers. Squibs and bangers are an offence to all citizens - the old, the sick, little children, - the decent, the respectable. They are a hazard to traffic, and a living hell to the animals for which we are all responsible.

The immediate task again is to demand complete obedience to the existing law which forbids squibs and bangers to be set off in the public highways.

Let us all try and convince the offenders that terrorism by squibs and bangers is unworthy of self-respecting citizens of Jamaica.

Once again the JAMAICA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS is counting on your support.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Clayton -
Margaret D. Clayton
Chairman, JSFCA

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YOUR REF.:

OUR REF.: RBD/HW

OFFICE
 JAMAICAN MIGRANT SERVICES DIVISION,
 26, GROSVENOR GARDENS,
 LONDON S.W.1.

9th October, 1962

Peter
 Dear Abrahams,

I am keeping a very close watch here in London on the operation of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act and I expect to receive up to date statistics each month regarding the operation of this measure. I shall be preparing a note in any event for the information of the Government of Jamaica but the figures are not in any way confidential and it occurred to me that you might be interested in giving them a wider circulation in your Journal. If you are interested, I am prepared to send you the figures monthly with the minimum of factual comment for publication in the West Indian Economist. I realise that you may not be able to make use of this information, if so, please do not hesitate to say so as I well understand the difficulties of space etc. which faces the Editor of any journal. On the other hand if you are going to use the figures please let me know and I will send them to you monthly by airmail as I prepare them. I do not wish to receive any fee for this project work as I regard it as an integral part of the work I am doing for the Government of Jamaica. At the same time, you will understand that these figures are in no sense official as emanating from the Government of Jamaica. I suggest that you indicate that they have been prepared by "Dr. R. B. Davison, Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of the West Indies, Adviser Jamaican Migrant Services Office, London."

I expect to return to Jamaica next September, and look forward to seeing you again.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Davison

R. B. Davison

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
 Editor,
 West Indian Economist,
 164-166 Harbour Street,
 Kingston,
 Jamaica W.I.

ENC.

20th August, 1962.

The Editor,
"Star",
Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry indeed that a man of Mr. Vere Johns' experience should launch the kind of attack as he did on me in your issue of today's paper without first checking his facts.

In order to set the record straight I enclose the full text of what I did in fact say.

Kindly give this letter and the text of my broadcast the same prominence that you gave Mr. Johns' unfounded comments.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Abrahams.

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT,
P.O. BOX 512,
KINGSTON,
JAMAICA

August 1962.

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Dear Sir,

The Government programme, "The Citizen as Ambassador", in which you participated was not broadcast on Tuesday, August 14, as scheduled due to a last minute re-shuffling of times in connection with a commentary on the 9th Central American and Caribbean Games. The programme will now be broadcast on Tuesday, August 28 at 9:00 p.m. on J.B.C.

Yours sincerely,


.....
Carey Robinson,
Broadcasting Officer.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

25th July, 1962.

Government Public
Relations Office,
124 East Street,
Kingston.

Attention: Miss Hope Sealy.

Dear Miss Sealy,

We should like you to afford Press accreditation on behalf of the West Indian Economist to Mr. Peter Abrahams and we will inform you of the name of our second nominee as soon as our arrangements are finalised.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary/Accountant.

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15th September, 1961.

The Managing Editor,
The West Indian Economist,
164, Harbour Street,
Kingston,
JAMAICA.

Dear Sir,

OIL INDUSTRY STATISTICS

I am sending you herewith one copy each of the following statistical statements covering Oil Industry operations in Trinidad durint the year ended 31st December, 1960:-

1. Comparative Statement of General Information and Statistics for the years ended 31st December, 1958, 1959, and 1960.
2. Comparative Statement of Moneys Earned or Payable in the Territory and Overseas Purchases of Oil Industry Stores and Materials at C.I.F. valuation for 1958, 1959, and 1960.
3. Comparative Statement of Cash Contributions to Government Revenue and Government Operated Services by the Trinidad Oil Industry for the years ended 31st December, 1958, 1959, and 1960.

There is no restriction on the use of this information in which I believe you will be interested.

Yours faithfully,
THE PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD,


Secretary.

RDB/ja
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Dear

Peter Abrahams

Although it was the month scheduled for the General Election, there was a great deal of interest in cultural matters in Guiana, principally from artists coming ~~in~~ from abroad.

The first was the Jamaican artist, Gloria Escoffery, who included Guiana in a tour she was making to the Eastern Caribbean and who after spending a few weeks in Barbados came to spend three or four weeks in Guiana and to put on a small exhibition of her work. She was unable to bring a representative selection (as Dr. Philip Sherlock pointed out at the opening of the exhibition) and travelled only with a personal folder of water colours, woodcuts and prints. Arrangements were initially made through the Council of the Arts and then Mr. E.R. Burrowes, M.B.E., Art Master at Queen's College and the outstanding personality in Guianese painting, consented to mount the exhibition and make the arrangements with the Public Library.

By good fortune the opening of the Escoffery Exhibition coincided with the arrival of Dr. Philip Sherlock, C.B.E., Vice Principal of the U.C.W.I., in charge of the faculties at St. Augustine's, Trinidad, who had come to explain to commercial interests and the general public in Guiana the background to the Engineering Faculty which the U.C.W.I. is setting up in Trinidad. So Philip Sherlock shared in the opening speeches with Mr. A.J. Seymour, Chairman of the Council of the Arts and Mr. E.R. Burrowes who both referred to the value of visiting artists and the need for a better circulation of works of art and artists in the Caribbean region. Dr. Sherlock said that he had been in touch with Miss Escoffery's work over the last twenty years and regretted that the representation did not do her justice, but he stated there was enough to show the acuteness of her vision and her craft, particularly in artistic experiments.

The exhibition was on display for more than two weeks and although attendance, because of the mounting political interest, could have been better, it was seen by all the practising artists and by all the art lovers in Georgetown.

Another event involving artists from abroad was the first chamber music recital to be performed in Guiana when Tan Crone of Holland, Andre Lisotte and Madeline Foley of the U.S.A. gave a 75 minute recital at the Playhouse on Sunday, September 3.

Tan Crone, who in 1960 gave a piano recital before an appreciative audience in the large Queen's College auditorium, on this occasion acted as organiser and pianist to the chamber music trio. With the backing of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Surinam and the Antilles, she persuaded an accomplished musician, Madeline Foley, who had studied and played with Pablo Casals, to bring her cello on a tour of the territories of the Caribbean. The third partner in the trio was Andre Lisotte of French-Canadian parentage and who had studied at the Boston Conservatory of Music and whose performance on the flute was more than professionally competent.

The keynote of the chamber music recital was peace. The audience realised from her performance that Madeline Foley was capable of superb bowing and that she used the cello to exhibit intense feeling and excellent musicianship. One could see what it meant to have been a student of Pablo Casals and to have been associated with him for many years. Foley was the

speaking

speaking partner in the trio and the others consciously and unconsciously aligned their playing to cohere with hers.

It was remarkable how from the opening item, the De Fesch Cello Sonata, the trio recreated the intimate atmosphere of the salon, the warm cello notes mingling with the piano and giving the effect of tenderly caressing the listener. Few of us had heard this Dutch composer before but the music rang through from the 18th century. In the Schumann Fantasy Pieces for Cello and piano, the two performers, Tan Crone and Maddine Foley moved from the peaceful melody - there was some organ quality in this first piece which ended with a virtual sigh - to a rippling piano-cello discussion in which the cello gave lovely laughing answers. The third fantasy ended in a passionate singing duet with cello and piano vying one against the other and finally surrendering themselves.

Andre Lisotte and Tan Crone in Debussy's Rhapsody for clarinet and piano captured the audience from the typical plaintive Debussy beginning into the sea of chromatic chords from which threads of melody were methodically detached for analysis or playful pursuit.

The major work for the evening was the young Beethoven Trio for clarinet, cello and piano. The running piano parts gave the air of freshness and open air sportively used and set the tone of the programme as playful and lively.

Perhaps the majority of the audience came curiously on Sunday evening to the Playhouse to listen to this new thing, a recital of chamber music, but they all enjoyed the experience at the end of the programme. This was the drawing room concert the greater part had known in earlier years, dramatically symbolised by the tall reading-lamps glowing against the black background of the stage-set, but lifted to a pitch of artistry which the 18th century in Europe had known from its dedicated amateurs and the crowd of professional composers and performers. This had been a musical experience.

- A.S.

P.S. You may use this as you wish &
also the text of a broadcast
given last month, enclosed
with this
A.S.

THE BOOKER GR
IN BRITISH GUIANA

PUBLIC RELATIONS
6 2171, Extension 390.

Peter Abrahams, Esq.
Woodbine Hotel
New Market Street
GEORGETOWN

Dear Peter,

Welcome to B.G., and I do hope that you will have a
as well as a busy time here.

Rafiq Khan is meeting you at the airport, and you will have
seen from my cable that we have made a reservation for you at the
Woodbine. I thought it best to ensure that you had a room on arrival,
and you can of course make any other arrangements that you wish. Mean-
while, you will find John Hearne also at the Woodbine.

Elizabeth and I hope very much that you will come and have a
drink with us tomorrow morning (Saturday) at home (104 Croal Street).
We are inviting some of our visiting Press friends, and look forward to
seeing you from 11.30 onwards.

Do give us a ring when you get in this afternoon. Elizabeth
and I will be at home (telephone 5831) until 6.30 this evening, when we
have to go for a drink with B.O.A.C. at the Tower Hotel.

Yours ever,



Antony Tasker

Trinidad

JML:jem

12th August 1961
(Dict. 11th)

B.G. Elections

General Manager,
BRITISH GUIANA.

Following our telephone conversation today, I want to say how grateful we are to you for your willingness to fulfil all our coverage requirements, despite the fact that you yourselves will be exceptionally busy with your own arrangements. As I outlined to you on the telephone, our requirements fall into two parts.

Part 1

We would like simultaneous one way voice casts of between five and ten minutes duration for Jamaica and Trinidad only on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd August respectively.

In view of the fact that you have already sold your election broadcasts, it is appreciated that you may not want to include Mr. Abrahams' commentaries on B.G.B.S., which you would have to do certainly on the weekdays involved, if we were to use part of the "West Indian News" circuits for these broadcasts. In the circumstances therefore, we agreed that you should try to book these circuits at a mutually convenient time between 2.00 and 4.00p.m. on each of the above mentioned dates.

Please note that Barbados Rediffusion does not require these voicecasts.

Part 2

For election night we would like simultaneous one way voicecasts for Jamaica, Trinidad and Barbados of five to ten minutes duration at 0200 GMT, 0300 GMT, 0400 GMT and 0515 GMT respectively.

I understood you to say that B.G.B.S. would be joining Radio Demerara at 810p.m. B.G. time, but while you were starting at this hour to be sure that you had full coverage of the results, you did not think that you would receive many returns before 10.00p.m. B.G. time. That being the case, you thought that the first voicecast at 0200 GMT would be the best time to start. Similarly I understood you to say that you were fairly certain that enough returns would be to hand by 130a/m. B.G. time (0515 GMT) to enable Mr. Abrahams to indicate what the final results were likely to be.

We had previously agreed with Jamaica that we would make all the arrangements with Cable & Wireless, but on second thoughts I think that there is less likelihood of any confusion arising if the arrangements are made in the first place by the originating Station. I am glad that you agree with me on this point, and please accept our thanks for handling this matter for us.

On the question of cost, I indicated to you that Jamaica had obtained an estimate of £50. This is almost certainly going to be exceeded however in view of the fact that we are booking special circuits for all five voicecasts under Part 1. We have provided for this however in our quotation to the sponsors, but notwithstanding this, I shall be grateful if you will let me have firm price from Cable & Wireless as soon as you have been able to discuss with them the various requirements.

As already indicated, we require only one way circuits, and once the arrangements have been finalised at your end it would be advisable I think for Jamaica, Barbados and ourselves to confirm the arrangements with the Cable & Wireless offices in those territories.

I was informed by Jamaica that Cable & Wireless could not guarantee good quality on the election night circuits, but we have just got to take a chance on this. I presume that once they have lined up the various circuits, individual recipient stations will be advised to standby to record the B.G. voicecasts as and when they come through.


I note that you have sold the entire election coverage in B.G. to Berec Batteries. Jamaica and ourselves will be selling the five pre and post election voicecasts independently to local sponsors. As confirmed on the telephone with Jamaica and Barbados, we are hoping to sell the election night coverage on the three stations to an international client. Our deadline is the 15th instant. If we have not been successful by that date, we will cable the stations concerned accordingly, and then it will be up to individual stations to sell their election broadcast locally.

Again for the information of Jamaica and Barbados, we envisage sponsorship of all the time from 10.00p.m. until a final decision has been reached. As spoken with you we have written to Paul Persaud asking for cabled reports in the morning of election day, at midday and again in the early evening when the polls close. We have also asked him to file cables at the 'rush' rate at half hourly intervals as soon as the results begin to come in. In addition we are hoping to be able to monitor either B.G.B.S. or Radio Demerara and if possible re-broadcast parts of your transmission. Barbados will presumably be doing likewise, and we understand that Jamaica will be requiring cabled reports as well. No doubt they will be writing to you separately on this point. Sponsored election coverage therefore will consist of a musical programme interspersed at frequent intervals by these various reports.

One final point which relates to Mr. Peter Abrahams. As confirmed in our telephone conversation today with Jamaica, would Mr.

Abrahams please preface his voicecasts by saying that he is reporting for Radio Jamaica and Radio Trinidad (in the pre and post election voicecasts) and for Barbados Rediffusion as well in his election night voicecasts.

I think that I have covered all the points which have been discussed, and look forward to receiving your confirmation that the bookings have been made with Cable & Wireless.


J. M. Laing,
Manager

cc: General Manager - Barbados
General Manager - Jamaica
Programme Director - Trinidad
Sales Manager - Trinidad
News Editors - Trinidad
Engineer-in-Charge - Trinidad
Mr. Peter Abrahams - Jamaica

UWI Libraries

Peter Abrahams,
c/o The West Indian Economist,
164-6, Harbour Street,
Kingston.

25, Phoenix Ave.,
Kingston 10.

February 28th, 1961.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

I am writing to you in connection with the film 'Come Back Africa' which was shown at the State Cinema for four days over the weekend. I feel that much of the criticism which is levelled at the South African Government, though well-intentioned, is based on too little information. It is particularly necessary, therefore, that people in as remote a place as Jamaica should see a film which sums up all the oppression and frustration which have become a part of the normal way of life in the Union.

The manager of the cinema has told me that it was shown to almost empty houses. I think that the publicity was poor, and insufficient, and I think that the Jamaican public should be given other chances to see this film. What is needed is a certain amount of pressure on the cinemas, and a great deal of publicity. It might even be shown as part of a double-feature.

I have seen too many badly-informed "liberals" swayed by honey-tongued Stellenbosch intellectuals; and these liberals include West Indians. If the people here do not see such a film, then they should stop making meaningless gestures, such as protest marches etc. We know only too well the attitude of the South African government to its foreign critics, and the reaction - or lack of it - to this film seems to suggest that the Nationalists are partly right.

Yours sincerely,

Conrad Aub

Conrad Aub

THE BUREAU OF MARKET RESEARCH

78 Constant Spring Road,
Half-way Tree

Jamaica, W.I.
Feb. 26, 1961.

our Ref.
My dear Peter:

Sure long to see you and family. Do come by making a really tremendous effort in your busy day. We have no phone at Hi roc but are home nearly always after 4.30.

Have tried to contact you to ask a favour but neither of us is able to get the other in office. Here is my request on behalf Little Theatre Movement. Would you do a broadcast on this? LTM 's panto has a place in Jamaican life that is unique: entertainment is provided to thousands plus that theatrical groups other than LTM supporters utilised the Movement's know-how, funds, properties and Rehearsal Room. A Little Theatre is now being built for which a balance of £13,000 is needed. This money will come in. My asking your notice is not so much re the Fund itself but rather I believe you would see in what the LTM is doing there is a spirit that cuts across class, race barriers. Result: something that is genuinely Jamaican. If this note attracts your interest and you believe possible to opionate on LTM, would you get the answers from Doris Duperly? She is at LTM Rehearsal Room daily: phone 6 6129.

All the best and hope see you real soon,

Aimee
(Aimee Webster De Lisser)

The enclosed gives idea how present financing is done.

Nomdmi

Mavis Bank

Nov. 6, 1960

My dear Peter,

I'm afraid I've really boomed! Before the recording yesterday I checked with the General Secretary of the union about the Kelly matter and was told the situation was ~~as~~ as I recounted it to you. Last night, just before going up the hill, I saw Wainwright who told me the situation had changed considerably and that the company was no longer insisting on the dismissal of the workers in question. Instead they are now insisting on suspensions until after the poll with the understanding that each case would be examined with the union provided it won the poll. This does not alter the principle but is an important difference in detail. As I could not legitimately claim not to have known this when the recording was made, it occurs to me that we had best scrap the thing altogether. I suspect you may welcome the suggestion anyway as the talk never really got off the "ground" of a specific to a real discussion of the general issue of union recognition - this was, of course, my fault since I took up all the time describing the specific!

Maybe, if you like, we could^{do}/~~a~~ thing another time which could really discuss the recognition problem. In any case the three-cornered talk on mechanisation should be really interesting if you can arrange it.

With apologies, sincerely,
Michael.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

354 Jarvis Street
Toronto, Ontario
May 24, 1960.

Mr. Hugh P. Morrison,
Staff Tutor,
Radio Education Unit,
University College of the W.I.
Mona, Kingston 7

Dear Hugh:

I have now received an answer from Lawrence Marshall who is the Assistant Transmission and Development Engineer for the CBC and who was recently in the West Indies along with Neil Morrison surveying the situation regarding the West Indian Broadcasting Network. I quote from his reply to me.

"There isn't a short simple answer to the question but here is my first reaction:

It is not possible to cover Jamaica with one medium wave station. As you know JBC uses four medium-wave stations and still there are parts not reached. Furthermore medium wave would not reach the distant areas.

Short-wave frequencies are used for distant areas but the frequencies for distance transmission are not suitable for local i.e. Jamaica service. It would be possible to use 'long' short-wave i.e., frequencies below 6 mc/s for Jamaica coverage on one transmitter and ordinary short-wave i.e., frequencies from 6 mc/s upwards on one or more transmitters to serve distant areas. It is customary to use one transmitter for each direction on distant transmissions because usually a different frequency is needed in each direction to suit the length of the path, interference considerations, time of day etc.

Such a system would comprise a transmitter and antenna system for Jamaica coverage and, say, two transmitters and another type of antenna system for the distant services. As a rough guess the cost would be in the order of half a million dollars, Canadian. I could obtain realistic figures if you wish, but I do not recommend this solution, for the following reasons:

1. It is expensive.
2. It would require a substantial technical staff.
- 3.

3. Shortwave reception on home receivers is variable in quality, due to propagation conditions and interference.
4. There aren't many short-wave receivers.

I believe the University would be well advised to try to integrate with the Federal system as proposed by Neil Morrison and myself, and to use the early morning and/or late evening hours for their transmissions.

In the Federal system short-wave transmissions would eventually be required to send Jamaican programs to the other Islands of the West Indies. Perhaps this proposal could be expanded to provide transmissions to British Honduras, the Bahamas etc. with University help or influence. Then the medium-wave facilities of each Island of the West Indies, in the proposed Federal system could relay the programs. This would provide the advantage of efficient receiving facilities at say, Grenada, feeding into a system of medium-wave outlets, giving much better results, I think, than a University S.W. station. In Jamaica distribution would, I hope, be by the medium-wave stations of J.B.C.. Neil Morrison retains a strong interest in West Indies broadcasting so I'll send him a copy of this note.

If you have any further questions I will gladly help with them."

What Marshall says may raise a diplomatic difficulty for you. I know that the report that he and Morrison wrote has been submitted to the government of the Federation but as far as I know, it has not been released. What he is saying therefore, about the proposed Federal System is at this moment confidential information. Whether or not it will be acted on is another question. I shall leave it to you to be discreet in using this information.

In spite of the possible feelings of competition which might be held, by members of JBC and others, it seems to me inevitable that whatever the university does will have to be worked out in co-operation with the existing and proposed facilities.

At the moment there seems to be little else I can do for you and I await your next move with interest.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Stinson,
Program Organiser,
Public Affairs.

P.S. It might be a good idea to make a formal request from the University to the Federal government for a copy of the Morrison-Marshall report. The University would have a very good case for asking for this information. Then, if you studied the report, you could make your plans accordingly. You can see that what I am concerned about is that getting this information through the CBC might easily be considered by some sensitive politicians a breach of/

May 18, 1960

Mr. Alva Ramsay, Editor
West Indian Sportsman
75 Church Street
Kingston

Dear Mr. Ramsay:

Now that we are all agreed on the principle of an Association, I think we ought to have a meeting soon for obvious reasons.

Friday evening the 27th looks like a good date. I suggest my office as the place and 5 o'clock as the time. Please confirm.

Whatever is your favourite brand, it will be available.

Sincerely

Ewan Ball

Cc - Mr. Ken Jones - Welfare Reporter
Mrs. Amoy Prayogg - Vanity
✓ Mr. Peter Abrahams - Economist
Mrs. Dorothy Gray Miller - The Jamaican Magazine

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P.O. Box 4, Church and North Streets, Kingston, Jamaica; West Indies

11th May, 1960

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o Radio Jamaica Ltd.,
P.O. Box 23,
Kingston 5.

Dear Peter,

Please find herewith a News Release about Harbour View Housing Scheme which is well ahead of schedule and announcing the proposed exhibition house which will be on display to the public shortly.

Would you be good enough to consider mentioning this in your comments at your earliest convenience.

Kind personal regards.

Yours very truly,
ART & PUBLICITY LIMITED

E. G. STEWART
Managing Director.

EGS/MB

Encl.

cc: Mr. A. L. Hendriks.

Personal

12th, February, 1960.

Mr. Alan Ross, well-known writer and poet, and winner of the Atlantic Award for literature, is at present in Jamaica covering the Cricket Tour for the "Observer".

He is also a member of the editorial board of the "London Magazine", the leading literary monthly publication in Britain. In this capacity he is inviting original, unpublished contributions for publication in a proposed West Indian issue in Britain this year.

Contributions may include poetry, short stories, special articles, drawings and photographs of original paintings and sculpture. These should be addresses to-

Mr. Alan Ross,
c/o Mrs. Edna Manley,
"Focus",
Drumblair,
Constant Spring,

before the end of March.

Please submit only copies of manuscripts etc. as the Committee can accept no responsibility for mislaid manuscripts, though every care would be taken to return entries accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

A sixty word statement of biography should accompany entries.

from Drumblair.

13. Feb. 1960.

Dear Peter,

Herewith the statement
circulated to Press & Radio.

Mickey tells me you will

be doing the interview

on R. J. P. with Ross.

Yours sincerely,

Phyllis Blake

2nd July, 1958.

MANLEY BIRTHDAY PROGRAMME

Introductory Announcement:

Earlier this evening a group of friends and fellow-workers of the Hon. Norman Manley gathered on the verandah of the Hon. Seivright to informally celebrate Mr. Manley's 65th birthday. The following programme is a condensed recording of conversation between Gladstone Evans, Douglas Manley, Vivian Blake, and the Hon. William Seivright on Manley the man. Mr. Gladstone Evans is the first speaker.

Cue for tape beginning "My name is Gladstone Evans"

Cue for end of tape "Now let us drink to his birthday....."

Peter Abrahams.

PA/ss

26th June, 1958.

SUGGESTIONS FOR RADIO BROADCASTING TREATMENT

1. Programme for July 4th celebrating Manley's birthday:

I would suggest that instead of ^{the} fifteen minute programme you mention this is to be extended to a half hour programme. The reason for this is that in a fifteen minute programme the only possible method of treatment would be in the form of a straight talk or else two or three short talks. In essence this would be a very surface treatment. If on the other hand it were extended to a half hour I think variety, depth and human interest could be created. Assuming that you accept my suggestion for a half hour programme I think it might successfully be put on along these lines: That you select say four people who know and have known Manley very well over the past twenty years in terms of his various interests. One would be someone who has been associated with him in his professional capacity as a barrister and can talk about Manley the Barrister. Another would be someone who has been associated with him as a politician and can talk of Manley as a politician. A third (Vic Reid comes to mind) who knows of his interests and encouragements of the arts and culture could talk about that aspect of his life and interests and a fourth would be someone who has known him at home as a father, grandfather and family man as well as simply a personal friend.

These people would sit around a table. Perhaps have a drink, remember that it is Manley's birthday and talk about that aspect of Manley which they know most intimately what it has meant to Jamaica over the past twenty years and more. To achieve these spontaneity which can make this programme a huge success I would suggest that the whole recording be made informally on a good tape recorder without any notes or scripts and that this is later cut to the required length in terms of time, edited, cleaned up, and then if necessary re-recorded from a transcription of the original recording. This will have to be done well in advance and the selection of people is most important.

2. For the general pattern of your other programmes I would like to repeat my suggestion made when you were considering broadcasts for the Federal election. This was that there should be a certain linking thread running through all your programmes. This linking thread could be the form taken by the opening announcement for each broadcast and perhaps the closing announcement. I would suggest that you vary your programmes to interchange straight talks with discussion programmes (i.e. get a farmer who has real and personal interest in the farm development scheme to question the Minister concerned with this scheme); or have a straight discussion group of three possibly composed of a teacher, two parents and the Minister of Education to

talk about educational matters. There is scope for a great deal of variety programmes along these lines which could be extremely interesting while at the same time making the kind of party propaganda you would want to know. I would suggest that all the discussion programmes be carefully planned and pre-recorded well in advance of the time when they go on the air. To attempt to make a recording on a Saturday afternoon for broadcast on a Sunday afternoon without having previously run through rehearsed and edited the matter is likely to lead to disaster. This cannot be treated hap-hazardly. It must be systematical and carefully planned.

PA/ss

23rd June, 1958

Memo to Mr. Houghton

I have now completed the dummy lay out for the souvenir pictorial which I have passed to Mrs. Manley who will pass it to you. With the souvenir pictorial dummy I have given Mrs. Manley the remaining pictures which now completes my side of the job.

You will note that behind each picture I have indicated the page on which the picture is to appear, the size of the picture as well as the slug line to identify the picture. And on the page of the dummy where the given picture is to appear I have also drawn the necessary space for the picture put in the slug line so that all you have to do is look at the back of the picture and you will find there the page for which it is planned and a catch line which will identify the space on the given page. This means that for make up purposes all the compositor has to do is to compare the block with the picture and he will know on what page it is to go and in what space. I believe Mrs. Manley has a few outstanding ads about which I do not know and which therefore have been planned. She will work out the details of this with you. In the event of any difficulty please phone me at 3611.

I have also enclosed herewith the complete captions for the pictorial. Please note that where there is the need for an over line such as on page 26, 27 "this is the area of the new nation born of Federation". I have not indicated the kind of type to use because I have not got a type book for your job printing. However, I suggest that you use a 36 pt. italic. Another example you will find on page 30 "main cities and a small island capital" for this I suggest a 24 pt. italic. The same applies to the matter on page 32 "most of the people earn their living etc.". Thus wherever I have written in matter in addition to the captions I would like you to set it if it is in the form of a headline 36 pt. italic and if it is sort of on the side in 24 pt. italic. As I have not got ems rule I have not been able to indicate the different number of ems for the various captions. I think all captions should be set in 10 pt. italic.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Abrahams.
Editor.

Sept 17, 1976

Mr. Neville Dawes,
Institute of Jamaica
12-16 East Street
Kingston.

Dear Neville,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th and enclosures. I think that in the matter of the WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST Mr. Aaron Matalon seems to have signed away rather more than he is entitled to under the copyright laws.

If you check your files you will see that there were two distinct periods to the life of the WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST. There was the period from its inception in mid-1958 to sometime in mid-1961 when the WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST was published by the Dominion Publishing Co. Ltd., a company set up for the specific purpose of publishing the WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST, and wholly owned by the late Mr. Eddie Young. I do not think that Mr. Matalon has the authority to assign to anyone the copyright for this particular period of the life of the WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST. If he had paid me the courtesy of checking with me (after all I was the editor) I would have suggested that he cleared this particular aspect with the Estate of Mr. Eddie Young. I suggest you do that. He is of course perfectly within his right in assigning the copyright for the comparatively brief period when the Trust became the publishers of the WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST. I suggest you explore the copyright aspect of this matter further before you formalise matters with Kraus. I am naturally interested in the outcome. This was my brainchild!

THE INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA,

For the Encouragement of Literature

Science and Art.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, W.I.

Ref. No. IJM/3493

September 15, 1976

Mr Peter Abrahams
Radio Jamaica Ltd
32 Lyndhurst Road
KINGSTON 5

Dear Peter:

A further probe into the KRAUS plans for re-printing The West Indian Economist reveals that Mr Aaron Matalon entered into an agreement with Kraus in February of this year. I attach photocopies of letters exchanged between Matalon and Herbert Gstalder of Kraus.

As you will see from the letter dated 7 September (from Leerburger to Williams), Kraus is offering a 12% royalty on sales to be paid to the West India Reference Library. Naturally, the Institute would welcome this addition to its already meagre resources.

I should very much like to have your comment on Aaron Matalon's agreement before the Institute formalises matters with Kraus.

Yours sincerely

Neville

Neville Dawes M.A.(OXON)
M A N A G E R

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September 7, 1976

Miss Rosalie Williams
The West India Reference Library
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Kingston, Jamaica

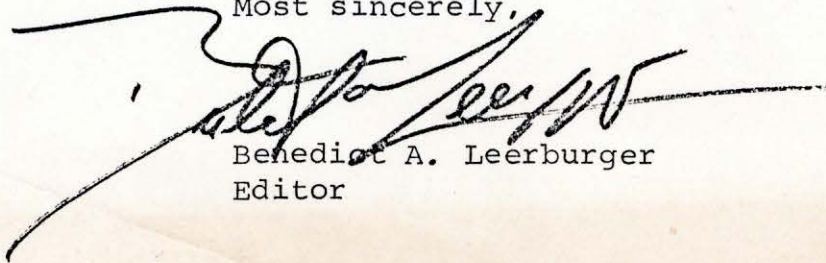
Dear Miss Williams:

With reference to our phone conversation of Tuesday, September 2, I am enclosing herein the Xerox copies of our letters of agreement between Kraus-Thomson and Mr. Aaron J. Matalon, Deputy Chairman of Industrial Commercial Developments Limited. You will note that a 12% royalty on reprint sales of The West Indian Economist will be paid semiannually to the West India Reference Library.

On the subject of reprinting Caribbeana, I do not know what arrangements Robert Hill may have made with the Library for its use. Our standard arrangement is to provide a reprint fee for borrowing a title that we plan to commit to reprint. As soon as I am in touch with Robert Hill I will write to you confirming whatever arrangement he has made with your library. The master copy of Caribbeana has arrived and is being stored in our vault.

Also glad to learn that another shipment of cards has been sent to the mission in New York. We will film these and return them through the mission as soon as possible. If a decision is made at your end that these cards are to be returned directly to The West India Reference Library please let me know and we will certainly act accordingly. Again my thanks for your continued cooperation.

Most sincerely,



Benedict A. Leerburger
Editor

BAL:dw
Enclosures
cc: Robert Hill

February 12, 1976

Aaron J. Matalon
Deputy Chairman
Industrial Commercial
Developments Limited
709 Harbour Street
Kingston, Jamaica

Dear Mr. Matalon:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 4th.

I am most appreciative of the efforts you have made to clarify the publishing rights on the WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST. We are totally comfortable in accepting your letter as authorization to proceed with our reprint edition of the WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST. Your assistance has made it possible to bring this important journal back into print for scholarly research.

All royalties arising from the sale of the reprint edition will be paid to the West India Reference Library as per your wish.

Again, thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

KRAUS REPRINT CO.

Herbert W. Gstalder
Vice President

HWG:jm

cc: Jean Smith

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February 4, 1976.

Mr. Herbert W. Gstalter,
Vice President,
Kraus Reprint Company,
Route 100,
Millwood,
New York 10546,
U. S. A.


Dear Mr. Gstalter,

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of January 27th and should let you know that the reason for the delay in replying to yours of December 2nd, 1975, was due to the fact that we were checking with Sir Arthur Lewis to ascertain the true position with respect to the Trust before providing you with authority to reprint.

As far as we can ascertain, the Trust has been wound up and as one of the Trustees I am prepared to provide you with the necessary authority to reprint the WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST and such Royalties that may come from same can be made payable to the West India Reference Library, as Beneficiaries.

I hope that this authority is adequate to enable you to proceed, and beg to remain,

Yours truly,


AARON J. MATALON
Deputy Chairman.

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Coyaba,
Red Hills P.O.
St. Andrew,
Jamaica.

August 25, 1964

Senator Antony Tasker,
The Booker Group,
(Public Relations)
49-53 Water Street,
GEORGETOWN.
BRITISH GUIANA.

~~XXXXXX~~
Dear Tony,

I have hesitated long about writing you this letter because I'm sure you have more than your fair share of things to worry about; but short of letting things ride or bringing Arthur Lewis back into it there is nothing else to do.

You know it is over a year now since the West Indian Economist went into liquidation. For all that time I have been waiting for the Liquidator to let me have my arrears of salary amounting to \$662. In anticipation of the great advertising programme which was to have put the West Indian Economist on its feet firmly, and which, you will recall, never got beyond the talking stage with the Jamaican Trustees, I deferred collecting a portion of my salary because we did not have enough in the kitty to keep the office and the paper going and still keep me paid in full. At the last meeting at the Matalon office here in Kingston, which Arthur Lewis chaired, it was specifically agreed that all debts would be paid in full (and I believe that this has now been done except for the money owing to me). I knew Arthur Lewis was particularly concerned that I too should in fact be paid in full. He asked me to let him know if I were not. The Liquidator has however expressed the intention of paying, so I have not written to Arthur Lewis. But the time gap between the intention and the deed has become so great that I am a little worried. I should be most grateful if you would help me clear up this matter. I did work and earn the money and it is due to me, so I am unwilling to go begging to the Jamaican Trustees for what is after all my due.

Let me repeat that I'm sorry to have to bother you about this but there is nothing else to do at this stage.

With best regards,

Peter Abrahams

Wrote him 2/9/64 say money
come to Fortprinter

~~SAMUEL~~ & SAMUEL,
SOLICITORS

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CABLE ADDRESS:
LIOVIN, JAMAICA.
TELEPHONE: 23971

P.O. Box 30,

31 Duke Street,

Kingston, Jamaica.

22nd. November, 1963

OUR REFERENCE: FR/TL

Peter Abrahams, Esq..
"Coyaba",
Red Hills P.O.

Dear Sir:-

re West Indian Economist Trust Ltd.

We enclose copy of letter dated 18th. November
received from the Liquidator and await your further
instructions thereon.

Yours truly,



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7 West Avenue,
Kingston Gardens,
Kingston 4.

18th November, 1963.

Messrs. Samuel & Samuel,
31 Duke Street,
Kingston.

Dear Sirs,

re West Indian Economist Trust Ltd.
in Liquidation

In reply to your letter of the 4th November, 1963 relative to the above, I wish to state that the company is limited by guarantee and the liquidator cannot be in a position to know what sums to call on the guarantors for until he has collected and realised all the assets of the company.

I have had considerable correspondence in an effort to collect the amounts shown on the books as due by the subscribers of the magazine, and up to the present time this has not been finally adjusted. I have not had replies from a number of people and I have issued and will be issuing further reminders shortly.

With respect to Mr. Abrahams and to the other creditors, the guarantors intend to pay each creditor in full and Mr. Abrahams will be paid in common with the other creditors when the liquidator is put in funds.

It is regretted that there has been delay but as can be seen, as liquidator, I can do nothing in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) I. S. Heron

Liquidator.

THE WEST INDIES OIL COMPANY, LIMITED

(INCORPORATED IN ANTIGUA)

P. O. BOX 230

ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA

WEST INDIES

FRANK D. St-HILAIRE
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

U.S. Address:
P.O. Box 255
Huntington, N.Y.

November 9, 1962

Mr. Peter Abrahams
The West Indian Economist
164-166 Harbour Street
Kingston
JAMAICA, West Indies

Dear Peter:

I am sorry I did not have a chance to meet you but my wife and I were just overnight at the Sheraton on our way back to New York.

It has been a tough program but at last I have my West Indies Oil project off the ground backed by financially strong and fully experienced international oil people. I am moving as swiftly as I can to get a refinery in operation.

If you do favor me with some space in your next issue, will you kindly send me 12 copies via air to P.O. Box 255, Huntington, New York, and bill me.

It was indeed a pleasure talking with you again. I'm now in a position to offer Norman Manley a job!

Sincerely yours,

Frank D. St-Hilaire

Mr. Aaron Matalon,
Commodity Service Co. (Ja) Ltd.,
7-9 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Sir,

Attached please find copies of the Statements
of account in respect of The Economist Intelligence Unit,
London as requested in our letter of the 17th August, 1962.

Yours faithfully

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*Bucklersbury House,
83, Cannon Street,
London, E.C.4.*

12th January, 1962.

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
The West Indian Economist,
164-166, Harbour Street,
Kingston, JAMAICA.

Dear Peter,

You will remember that we discussed, at our meeting in December, the possibility of obtaining permission from Barclays D.C.O. to use the material in their monthly Caribbean Bulletin.

I had a talk yesterday with Mr. J.E. Hornsby, Head of the Economic Department of Barclays D.C.O. In principle, there is no objection to the West Indian Economist using their material, provided the extracts are accredited to them. At the same time, we agreed that it would be better all round if you, as the Editor, made a direct approach to Barclays D.C.O. here, outlining your needs for this type of material and seeking permission to use it.

The Caribbean Bulletin is published in the first week or so of each month and copies arrive in Kingston in the first half of the month. Unless, therefore, there were a particular difficulty about timing for your own publishing date, the simplest method would be for you to arrange with the Kingston Manager to get a copy of each issue as soon as it arrives. Perhaps you could have a word with him anyway - as a courtesy - to explain the approach we are making to the Head Office in London.

I told Mr. Hornsby that I would ask you to have a word with the Kingston Manager and then write to him. His address is Mr. J.E. Hornsby, Economic Department, Barclays Bank D.C.O., Goodenough House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. 2.

Incidentally, Mr. Hornsby tells me that his department does not appear to be receiving the West Indian Economist regularly. May I suggest that you send him a copy of the current issue and urge him to take out an annual subscription?

Peter Abrahams, Esq.

12.1.62.

I have written to Aaron to say that I shall be paying a flying visit to Kingston on my way back to B.G., and asking him if we can have a further meeting on West Indian Economist matters on the morning of Monday, January 22nd. I have to catch the mid-day plane the same day for Trinidad, so hope there will be a chance of seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

Tom
(Antony Tasker)

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OUR REF.:

December 1st. 1960.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear 

re: "Focus 1960"

Just a note to remind you that I think a review of "Focus" in your esteemed publication - The West Indian Economist" is needed.

You already have a copy of the publication but if you wish to have someone like H.P. Jacobs review it for you I shall be happy to supply another copy.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,


A.L. Hendriks
for Editorial Committee Focus 19

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30th September, 1960

Miss Carole Franklin,
The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
Kingston,
Jamaica.

Dear Miss **Franklin**,

Thank you for your letter of September 5,
1960.

Enclosed herewith are Postal Orders to
the value of £1: 15s. to cover renewal of "THE
WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST" for the period of one year.

Yours sincerely,

Lydia Hill

for Representative.

DOMINION PUBLISHING CO (W.I.) LTD.
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..... Authorised Person

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2nd October, 1959.

Miss E. Ho Ken,
Secretary,
West Indian Economist,
164-166 Harbour Street,
Kingston, Jamaica.

Dear Madam:

I enclose a postal order for £1.15.0 for the annual
subscription to the West Indian Economist.

Yours faithfully,

T. Murray,
Representative.

TM/mw

7/10/59 ✓

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P. O. Box 331
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Patron: Her Majesty The Queen

5th September, 1958.

The Manager,
The Circulation Department,
The West Indian Economist,
164-166 Harbour Street,
Kingston, Jamaica,
T.W.I.

Dear Sir:

The West Indian Economist

We should like to take out a year's subscription for your publication and enclose postal orders for the value of 35/-.

We presume that this is the air mail rate for British Honduras. Should we be mistaken in this, please let us know so that the subscription rate may be adjusted.

We thought you would like to know that we first heard of your new publication through the British Council Representative in Jamaica who wrote specially to us recommending it. I am also recommending that the Public Library here should subscribe for their reading room.

Yours faithfully,


R.P.K. Harrison,
Representative.

RPKH/mw

cc: Representative,
The British Council,
Jamaica.

Exp. August 1959

MEMORANDUM TO THE CHAIRMAN AND FINANCIAL TRUSTEES OF
THE WEST INDIAN ECONOMIST TRUST LIMITED.

It is with the greatest regret that I am forced to recommend to you the closing down of the West Indian Economist. The reason is that we are not earning enough to cover our expenses and the longer we continue as we are now doing the deeper we get into debt.

I made it plain from the time the Trust took over the West Indian Economist that we could not break even on anything less than ten pages of advertising. It was agreed that certain Trustees would help ~~us~~ to raise advertising to the required ten pages and on that basis we entered on the additional expense of appointing Mr. Edwards at a salary of £1,000 a year. Thus, as from the 13th of December 1960 the outgoings of the West Indian Economist went up by an additional £1,000 a year but the income of the West Indian Economist remained more or less constant because the expected additional revenue from advertising was just not forthcoming. In addition to this our printing costs were increased by fifteen percent as from the beginning of September, 1962. I think that on investigation the Trustees will find that these two items account for nearly all of our deficit. Let me hasten to add that as far as the business side of the journal is concerned Mr. Edwards was worth every penny of what we paid him. Indeed, it gave me a little time to earn a little extra money because I could not draw all my salary from the West Indian Economist (we just did not have enough) and without the extra my family would have suffered. As it is the Trust now owes me close on eight hundred pounds of undrawn salary. I am sure the Trustees will appreciate that I cannot continue indefinitely to give a part of my labour on credit.

As you will see from the attached draft audit of our accounts

keep our deficit down by paring all expenses to the bone. But just paring down was not enough. We had to increase our income to break even point by additional advertisements. And it is here that we failed very badly.

As the Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Board of Trustees, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ which was held in the Board Room of Commodity Service Company on the 16th December 1961, ~~xxxxxx~~ will show I reminded the Trustees ^{then} over a year ago, of the desperate situation we were in ~~at~~ ~~a year ago~~ with regard to advertising. A number of excellent ideas for overcoming this situation were discussed: but unfortunately nothing was done.

The present situation is that most of such advertising as we have had has come from Jamaica. There is currently an economic recess taking place in Jamaica and this has had its effect on the very limited amount of advertising we have enjoyed so far. In addition television will come to Jamaica later this year and this, I fear will worsen an already bad situation. An old Jamaican weekly has decided to shut down at the end of this month ^{because of loss of revenue,} a new daily paper is expected to appear later in the year, so I anticipate an even greater tightening up in advertising.

Finally, with Federation dead as a dodo for the moment, there seem to me to be very little interest in regional communication, and so the assumptions on which the West Indian Economist were founded are very much less attractive to most investors than they were when Federation was, or looked like being, a reality.

For these reasons - but primarily because I now see ^{very little} ~~no~~ hope of our ceasing to lose money - I recommend the closing down of the West Indian Economist as early as possible.

31 Kent St
Kingston 10
8-17-61

Dear Mr. Abraham

I have always
listened to your interview on
federation work I think it should
be interest to every Jamaican, I
would like you to invite some
of the following personalities
on any Sunday early at 1 PM
YERE JOHN YVIAN BLAKE
MORRIS KAGILL ONE TIME AND
MR. MANTLEY. Sir A Bustamante
the other Sunday some time for
1/2 hour. URGENTLY REQUESTED

Your Truly
Walter Cooke

Mr Peter Abraham

No 2 Wildfl
Kgw 16

Sir

I respectfully beg to be
allowed to express my views
on Federation on your
programme Forum on Federation

my Topics are varied reasons
why I think we should remain
in the present Union
I rather like you to send for
me quickly as I will be
unable to attend after a while

Yours truly

Yours truly

Council Kitchener

15/8/61

12 Mona Road,
Kingston 6.
May 24, 61.

Dear Mr. Abrahams;-

Please excuse hasty note. My eyes are giving me trouble, and I can't come to see you, have no car and the sun affects me.

I had a few Students from the Eastern Caribbean to spend yesterday afternoon with me, and the discussions were wide and exhilarating....

Re your Federation Talks- this came in for comments. I think it would be interesting at this stage to get one of them to give the views of ~~the~~ some of the Units there.

I suggested it to one who is fluent and well informed- he is on a Course here- Public Health. At first he demurred, as he said he did not want it said he was interfering with politics... but I assured him that he could discuss the interview before recording, and you could ask him questions as to the views of the Units he had visited and his own Unit- St. Vincent, and the reasons why they were Federationists. This could cover much ground, as their contentions were that little was clearly and positively stated on the reasons why Jamaica should remain in the Federation, and this, of course, meshes in with why they are for Federation.

In short he does not want to speak as influencing Jamaica on the Referendum, ~~as~~ because of his job with his Govt. but he would be glad to set out the reasons why the Units in his area are in favour of Federation. He is a good debater.

Please make an appointment for him to see you he is at classes in the day.

Name- E.C. Coombs. 66009 (is in the country)
9a Retirement Crescent.
Cross Roads
c/- Mr. DoHarris. 687753

phone. ~~66 4593~~.

The other men are very interesting too. One was from Nassau, and of course conditions there are like Bermuda. Interviews with them would give you data for your "news and views".

All the best, to you and the family.

Yours fraternally ,

A. Jacques Garvey

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 Name - E.C. Combs,
 92 Retirement Crescent,
 Gross Roads
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Kingston C.

27th Feb. 1961.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

A few weeks ago I wrote criticising you for giving us Dr Morgan twice in your Federation Forum. Now I write to sympathise with you on the dreadful "flop" of Donald Sangster last Saturday night. Sangster did a great dis-service to himself, his party and the anti-federation cause to which he pays lip-service.

I really do want to hear some of the anti-federation arguments, and pricked up my ears when you introduced Sangster - what a disappointment !! He was so utterly un-prepared and so childishly evasive. He didn't have a clue.

Any way, keep on trying. Could you repeat the Leslie Ashenheim interview?

Yours sincerely
L. L. Dunkerly.

29 Manchester Rd.,
Mandeville.

8th Feby. 1961.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
164-6 Harbour St.,
KINGSTON.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 26th ultimo, I am to say that I will be in Kingston on Thursday the 16th inst. and can make myself available to record interview on Federation. I will attend at Radio Jamaica at 11:30 a.m. and hope to meet you there.

Yours faithfully,

W. W. Benjamin
.....
W. W. Benjamin.

February 8th.1961.


Messrs Ferdinand Morrison and David Daniels,
W.I. McDonald Place,
Hill View Gardens,
Kingston 11.

Dear Sirs:-

I have received your letter of the 26th. January, 1961, and am very glad to hear that you both are willing to take part in the programme "Forum on Federation".

Will you please therefore come to Radio Jamaica at 11a.m. on Saturday, February 18th. so that we can discuss the matter in detail. It may be possible at that time to record an interview for broadcast at a future date.

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Peter Abrahams
News Commentator.

/kd

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/kd

26.1.68

W. 1 Mc Donald Place

Hill view Gardens

Kingston 11

Mr. Peter Abrahams,

Dear Sir,

We have been hearing that you interview people on Farm and Federation to find out what they think of Federation. We believe the time has come when you should find out what the small people think of Federation. We would like you to interview two of us on such.

Ferdinand Morrison Gardener employed to the K.S.A.C.
and Area Supervisor of the P.N.P. and David Daniels
Rag Doll - manufacturer. Kindly reply when you can see us.

Signed.

Ferdinand Morrison
David Daniels

94 C Old Hop Road
Kingston 6.

5th Feb. 1961.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

I listen to your Saturday night Federation Forum as often as I can. I think it is a splendid programme.

I cannot, however, give you any marks for inflicting us with Rev. Dr. (sic) Cyril Morgan twice in a few weeks. Once was once too often. The best I have heard so far is L. E. Ashenheim, even though I am not 100% with him.

What about people like R. F. Williams, G. G. R. Sharp, Ludlow Moody, Isabel Seaton, Lady Allan, Rolph Grant, and a few U.C.W.I. undergrads?

Yours sincerely
L. L. Dunkerly.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS,
(PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)

KINGSTON 10,

JAMAICA, W.I.

No. MCW.25/61

3rd February, 19 61

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

I have to refer to your letter of the 17th of January, 1961, concerning the recording in connection with the programme "Forum on Federation" which was arranged for Saturday 21st January.

I regret very much that I was unable to keep this appointment, but I would be very glad if another date could be fixed for the recording.

Yours sincerely,

A. G. S. Coombs

(A. G. S. Coombs)

Minister of Communications & Works

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o Radio Jamaica and Rediffusion,
Broadcasting House,
P.O. Box 23,
Kingston 5.

Mr. Abrahams,

Mr. Coombs will be in Montego Bay this Saturday, I have made the appointment for 10.30a.m. Saturday, February 18th. O.K?

KD.

8.2.61

11th
10.30 am

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26th January, 1961.

Mr. W. W. Benjamin,
29 Manchester Road,
MANDEVILLE.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter
of 20th January, concerning Forum
on Federation.

I think it would be possible
for us to record an interview at
Radio Jamaica any Thursday at 11:30
a.m. provided you give me notice so
that I can arrange facilities with
the studio.

Yours sincerely,


PETER ABRAHAMS.

PA/us.

29 Manchester Rd.,
Mandeville.
20th Jany. 1961.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
164-166 Harbour St.,
Kingston.

Dear Sir,

FORUM ON FEDERATION

Mr. S.O. Veitch, Secretary of the People's National Party has intimated to me that you desire an interview with me on the above subject. I shall be happy to meet you, but I am seldom in Kingston on a Saturday morning if you could arrange another day preferably Thursday I would co-operate.

Yours faithfully,

W.W. Benjamin
.....
W.W. Benjamin.

25th January, 1961.

Mr. David I. Moyston,
Solicitor,
Morant Bay.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter
of the 20th January, concerning
"Forum on Federation".

I would be grateful if you
could meet me at Radio Jamaica on
Saturday, 4th February at 10:30a.m.
so that we could have a recording
then.

Yours sincerely,



PETER ABRAHAMS.

PA/us.

DAVID I. MOYSTON

SOLICITOR

TEL. 32.

Morant Bay

20th January, 1961.

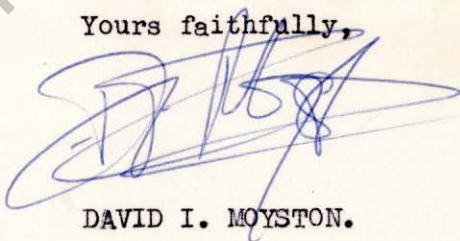
Mr. Peter Abrahams,
164/6 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by the Deputy Secretary of the People's National Party to write you with respect to the Forum on Federation conducted by you.

It would be convenient to me to be interviewed by you on any Saturday in February, provided that you let me know three or four days in advance.

Yours faithfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. I. Moyston', is written over the typed name.

DIM/bm.

DAVID I. MOYSTON.

TELEPHONE: 26211

ANY REPLY OR SUBSEQUENT REFERENCE
TO THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT
SECRETARY AND THE FOLLOWING
REFERENCE QUOTED :-

No. _____

MINISTRY OF HEALTH,

21 SLIPE PEN ROAD,

P.O. BOX 478,

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, W.I.

23rd January, 19 61

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Forum on Federation

I write you in connexion with arranging a suitable date and time for an interview with the Minister.

Would you be good enough to telephone me in the matter, please? Unfortunately no Saturday morning will be convenient.

Yours faithfully,

Dorothy Greg
Secretary to the
Minister

Mr. Peter Abrahams
164 Harbour Street
KINGSTON

13 Retirement Crescent,
Kingston 5.

23rd January, 1961.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o R.J.R.,
Kingston 5.

Dear Sir,

I will attend at the R.J.R. Studios at 10:30 A.M.
next Saturday for interview on your Federation Forum.

Yours faithfully,

Jeff Thompson

January 17th.1961.

Mr. Jeff-Thompson,
Councillor PNP, K.S.A.C.,
13 Retirement Crescent
Kingston 5.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your letter accepting our invitation to do an interview in connection with the programme "Forum on Federation" on Radio Jamaica.

Please let me know if Saturday January 28th 1961 at 10.30a.m. will be convenient for you to come to Radio Jamaica to do this interview, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your co-operation with regard to the programme.

Yours sincerely,

PETER ABRAHAMS

Peter Abrahams

/kd

I3 Retirement Crescent,
Kingston 5.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
I64/I66 Harbour St.,
Kingston.

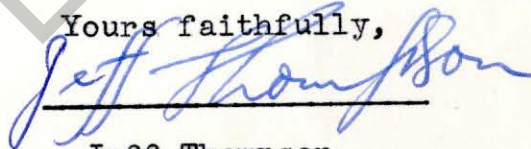
Sir,

Mr. S.O.Veitch, Secretary of the People's National Party, informed me of your desire to interview me on your Forum on Federation . In reply I am to say that I shall be most happy to appear on your programme any Saturday night at 9.15P.M..

Please inform me a few days in advance and I shall make myself available on the following Saturday morning at 10 A.M..

With thanks,

Yours faithfully,



Jeff Thompson

Councillor-PNP, KSAC.

Sat - 28th -
10.30am
→

January 17th.1961.

Hon. A.G.S. Coombs,
Minister of Communications & Works,
P.W.D.
Maxfield Avenue,
Kingston 10.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of the 13th. January, confirming that Saturday 21st. January would be convenient for you to come to Radio Jamaica to do a recording in connection with the programme "Forum on Federation".

I shall be most grateful if you will be here at 11a.m. at which time I will be here to meet you.

Thank you so much for you co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

KA

pa Peter Abrahams.

/kd

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS.

(P.W.D.)

JAMAICA, W.I.

ANY REPLY OR SUBSEQUENT
REFERENCE TO THIS COM-
MUNICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO THE PERMA-
NENT SECRETARY AND THE
FOLLOWING REFERENCE
QUOTED:-

No. MCW.25.

13th January, 19 61

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

I have received a letter from Mr. S. O. Veith concerning the weekly Forum on Federation conducted by you on Radio Jamaica.

11 am
Saturday, 21st instant would be quite convenient to me to have such a recording done, and I would be very grateful if you would let me hear further from you on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. S. Coombs

(A. G. S. Coombs)

Minister of Communications & Works

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
164-166 Harbour Street,
Kingston.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JAMAICA

c/o P. O. Box 480,
Kingston.

12th January, 1961

10-30 am
Dear Peter,

Mr. Veitch has asked me to arrange with you a date for recording an interview with me on the West Indies Federation. Saturday the 21st inst. at 10 a.m. would be convenient for me to attend at Radio Jamaica for the interview and I should be glad if you would confirm that this date is also convenient to you.

Yours faithfully,

K. A. Munn

(K. A. Munn)

MHR, East/Rural St. Andrew

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
164-166 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

January 17th.1961.

Hon. K.A. Munn,
Minister of Agriculture,
C/O P.O.Box 480
Kingston.


Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of the 12th.
January 1961.

I confirm that 10.30a.m. Saturday 21st.
January 1961, would be convenient and I shall be
here at Radio Jamaica at that time to meet you and
record the interview for the programme "Forum on
Federation".

Thank you so much for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,


PETER ABRAHAMS

/kd

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
JAMAICA

5451
TELEPHONE Nos. ~~X596~~ EXT.
~~X567~~
~~X502~~

13th January, 1961.

Dear

Peter,

I understand from Veitch that you want to collect views on the West Indies Federation from a number of persons. The time named, 10.00 a.m on any Saturday morning, does happen unfortunately to be very inconvenient to me as this is the morning I devote with the greatest rigidity to my constituency work.

If it is possible for you to arrange any other time for me, I shall be most grateful.

Yours truly,

V.L. Arnett

(V.L. Arnett)
Minister of Finance

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
164-166 Harbour Street,
KINGSTON

P.D. ~~Woodham~~

13, Geranium Path,
Mona Heights,
Kingston 7.

15th June, 1960.

Programme Manager,
Radio Jamaica.

S.M. Tolly good. This is the reaction we want! Will you please invite him to take part when he can be fitted into the schedule.

Dear Sir,

In response to your advertisements on the air regarding the issue of Federation, I should like to tender this application for consideration in your panel of speakers which you intend to employ.

*on behalf of
a "POLITICAL
Academy of the West
Indies"*

Our Academy is the first of its kind in Jamaica, embodying members of the U.C.W.I. and the public outside. It seeks, therefore, to bridge the gap as far as possible between the U.C.W.I. and the public both socially and academically.

Launched with the blessings of the University Extra-Mural Department, the Social and Economic Research Institute, and the Guild of Graduates, we seek in our aims to turn an enquiring searchlight on political issues from a more abstract level which we then try to interpret clearly and intelligently to the public at large. Fundamentally, our work therefore, is educational. We are neither partisan nor partial to going political ideologies.

We would therefore be grateful if we could be given the opportunity for airing our views on the crucial issue of Federation.

I have enclosed a draft copy of our Constitution which you may wish to see and I look forward to your early and favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

G.R. Woodham
(G.R. Woodham)
Secretary of the P.A.W.I.

CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. This group shall be called "The Political Academy of the West Indies".

AIMS

2. (a) To do "RESEARCH" in local and World Politics.
(b) To write political articles for the benefit of the public and produce pamphlets, magazines and textbooks on related subjects.
(c) To keep abreast of world social, economic and political trends.
(d) To build a Political Library at U.C.W.I.
(e) To undertake any function that the Academy may deem fit from time to time.

OFFICERS

3. (a) There shall be 6 officers, a President, Vice President, Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian.
(b) These officers together with 5 other members shall form the Executive Committee of the Political Academy.
(c) All members of the Executive shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year.
(d) The Executive Committee shall be the Governing body of the Academy and shall manage its affairs in between meetings.
(e) Any member of the Executive, who is absent from 3 consecutive Executive meetings without an acceptable excuse automatically vacates his or her position.
(f) Vacancies on the Executive Committee will be filled at a Regular monthly General Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Anyone may become a member by attending one meeting and signing his or her name in the Register of the Political Academy.

MEETINGS

4. (a) There shall be at least one meeting of the Political Academy per month - on the first Friday or Saturday of each month.

2.

- (b) For a meeting of the Executive 5 members shall form a quorum, while 15 shall form a quorum for a General Meeting.
- (c) Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent from 3 consecutive General Meetings without an acceptable excuse automatically vacates his position.
- (d) Each member is entitled to vote at Annual General Meetings provided that that person has attended at least 4 General meetings during the year.

6.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Each University student should pay 2/- per year. Other members should pay 5/- per year. In addition there will be a "Political Academy Fund" to which generous friends and members may subscribe.

7.

PUBLICATIONS

All publications must always be endorsed by the Executive Council. Any member of the Academy may submit an article on any political subject

8.

AMENDMENTS

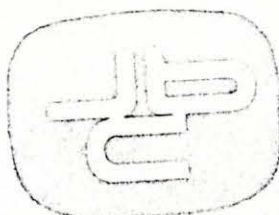
Amendments to the Constitution should be approved by two-thirds majority of those present at the General Meeting at which the amendments are submitted.

Notice of an amendment should be submitted one month before consideration at a Regular monthly General Meeting.

Matthews

Gleanes

28/12/75



INVITATION TO TENDER

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THE GENERAL MANAGER
JAMAICA BROADCASTING CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 100
KINGSTON 10
JAMAICA.

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THE JAMAICA BROADCASTING CORPORATION



RADIO AND TELEVISION CENTRE

K. H. IVAN LEVY
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. L. HENDRICKS
GENERAL MANAGER

May 20th. 1964.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
Red Hills P.O.

Dear Peter,

Since the resumption of work at the JBC considerable thought has been given to future programme policy and this has also been the subject of searching discussions by members of the Corporation both at full meetings and at meetings of Committees.

As a result of this it has been decided as a matter of policy that the news commentary type of programme will not, at any rate for some considerable period of time to come, be included in our schedules, either on radio or television.

It may be that we will extend the "Radio Newsreel" or "The Week in Perspective" type of programme or we may possibly decide to have, on a once or twice a week basis, something in the nature of a News Analysis. However, a decision in respect of this will again not be made for sometime to come.

In view of the amount of work which you were doing on JBC radio and television before February 1st of this year, I think it is only right that I should convey this policy decision to you as quickly as possible, and this letter is written for that purpose.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. MacLurg
W. MacLurg
Executive Director.

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"The Voice of Jamaica"

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July 8th.1963.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
Mount Fraser
Coopers Hill.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

We are in the process of finalizing details for our television programming, and as discussed with you a few days ago, we would like to secure your services as Script-writer and Commentator for the programme "News Analysis" to be broadcast between 7-7.30p.m. (approximately 7.15p.m.) on three days per week on our television transmissions. The programme content should not exceed four minutes of broadcasting time, and should not be less than three and one-half minutes. More than one subject may be covered in each programme.

The proposal is that you should be paid a fee of Six Guineas (£6.6.0) in respect of each broadcast and that you should prepare and submit the scripts for these broadcasts commencing August 4th.1963, at least 24 hours in advance of the time of broadcast.

The broadcasts shall be done live but the Corporation shall have the right to record any script for broadcast and there shall be no additional fee payable in respect of making any recording.

The Corporation shall have the right to reject, edit, or alter any script. Each script shall be broadcast once only, and you are to supply a new script for each broadcast.

If you would be willing to accept this offer, please be kind enough to sign the enclosed duplicate of this letter as an indication of your willingness.

This agreement is terminable on one week's notice in writing on either side.

In the event of your accepting the arrangements as set out herein this letter will then be considered a binding contract between this Company and yourself for you to prepare and submit and present the programme as set out herein.

Yours sincerely,

A.L. Hendriks
A.L. HENDRIKS
General Manager

Terms and conditions herein accepted:

Signature:..... Date:

c.c. D.P.P., C.A.

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TELEPHONE
67541 - 5

October 31st. 1962.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Peter

I think that your little piece on
"The Challenge Change" would be quite agreeable
for our Christmas contribution to the World-
wide BBC Roundup.

Please contact Adrian Robinson
about recording it.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A.L. Hendriks
A.L. HENDRIKS
General Manager

c.c. A/D.P.P.

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Our Ref: J/499.

17th. September, 1962.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o The Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation,
P.O. Box 100,
KINGSTON, 10.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

I am sending you, at the suggestion of the JBC, copy of a release on BWIA's achievement in Jamaica which was used in JBC news last week. I thought you might be interested in its illustration of the actual value of BWIA's services to Jamaica.

Yours faithfully,

M. Borrer
for C. Spurrier,
Manager, Jamaica East.

CS/mb.

sample

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"The Voice of Jamaica"

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3rd August, 1962


Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour St.,
Kingston

Dear Peter,

This is to confirm that as discussed with you,
the Corporation will be paying £6. 6/- for a 5 minute
broadcast whether it is sponsored or not, as from the
1st August, 1962.

If this is agreeable to you, I should be grateful
if you could sign and return the enclosed copy of this
letter.

Yours sincerely,


Roy Lawrence
Sales Manager

.....
Signature

.....
Date

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27th March, 1962

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour St.,
Kingston

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

On the 10th April, on account of the election day coverage which we shall be doing, we will not be able to carry the 6.15 pm News Commentary.

Yours sincerely,



Roy Lawrence
Sales Manager

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30th January, 1962

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
c/o The Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation,
Kingston 10

Dear Peter,

This is just a note to let you know that the
Air Cool Awning Company will be sponsoring your News Commentary
at 6.15 pm on the following days:-

Friday, 2nd February

Monday, 5th February

Wednesday, 7th February

Monday, 12th February

Wednesday, 14th February

and on these days you will be paid a fee of £8. 8/- per broadcast.

Thanking you very much for your kind co-operation in the
past,

Yours sincerely,



Roy Lawrence
Sales Manager

Cc Accounts
DNPA
DPP

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December 7th. 1961.

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of a letter to G.P. Fairclough at City Printery with regard to printing of Focus 1960.

We only had £15 in the bank and to it I added £5 of my own in purchase of 20 copies of Focus which I suppose I could give away from time to time. We still owe about £125 on the printing bill to City Printery and approximately £30 to Printex who did the pictures.

As far as I am aware there are some copies of Focus on sale at Sangsters, City Art Centre and Mill's Galleries. The remainder of several hundred copies are at the Jamaica School of Arts and Crafts as far as I know.

I feel that an urgent meeting should be called to discuss Focus just before Christmas when it may be possible to reduce the price and do some publicity and we may be able to get some sold.

I am sorry that pressure of other duties does not make it possible for us to take up the matter of distribution of Focus and pursue it fully. I hope that if we can have a Committee meeting early next week we can all share in the work and sell as many copies as possible in the next few weeks and months.

Will Phyllis Blake upon receipt of this letter check with Edna Manley and arrange an early meeting?

Sincerely,

A.L. HENDERSON

Mrs. Edna Manley
Mrs. M. Foster-Davis
Mrs. Phyllis Blake
Mr. R. Verity
✓ Mr. P. Abrahams

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November 28th.1961.

Sean Pete

Just a note to confirm our conversation yesterday to the effect that the letter of resignation as a Commentator which you wrote to Roy is now a thing of the past and that you will continue to do your regular commentary at 6.15p.m. Mondays through Saturdays at £4.4.0. per time until we can find a sponsor for you for a higher fee!

I am glad we got this sorted out!

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

A.L. Hendriks
A.L. HENDRIKS
General Manager

Mr . Peter Abrahams
164 Harbour Street
Kingston.

xxx 4358

14th November, 1961.

Mr. Roy Lawrence,
Sales Manager,
Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation,
Odeon Avenue,
Kingston 10.

Dear Roy,

When I saw Hector Bernard yesterday he told me that you had decided to switch the time of my commentary from 6.15 p.m. to 7.15 a.m. and that this will come into effect as from the 1st of December with Morris Cargil taking over what use to be my time while I take over what use to be his time.

When you mentioned this to me a few weeks ago I told you that I did not like the idea. As you know I pioneered the daily news commentary, starting at Radio Jamaica, at 6.15 in the evenings and I have worked very hard to win a solid following for the programme at that particular time. This is a fact which has been borne out by the two radio surveys, the first when I was at Radio Jamaica and the second when I was at J.B.C. I am therefore naturally unwilling to give up the result of all this hard work by surrendering a time which I have made popular.

I must therefore ask you to accept this letter as notice, according to the terms of our contract, that I shall cease doing the daily news commentaries for the J.B.C. two weeks from today.

Yours sincerely,

PA/ul.

Peter Abrahams.

4358

14th November, 1961.

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Sales Manager,
Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation,
Odeon Avenue,
Kingston 10.

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1st September, 1961

CONFIDENTIAL

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour St.,
Kingston

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

NEWS COMMENTARY - 6.15 - 6.20 pm Mondays through Saturdays

With reference to the second paragraph of our letter of the 3rd February, 1961, this is to confirm that it has been agreed that from the 28th July, 1961, to the 24th February, 1962, you will be paid a fee of £7. 7/- in respect of each broadcast, plus a travelling allowance of £1. 1/- per broadcast, instead of the fee of £5. 5/- plus a travelling allowance of £1. 1/- per broadcast as set out in the letter under reference.

Yours truly,



Roy Lawrence
Sales Manager

Cc Chief Accountant
DNPA
DPP

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August 14th.1961.

Dear Sir:

THE JBC NEWS

The following excerpt from a letter just received from Mr. L.E. Duffey, Manager of the CBC Television News, Toronto, Ontario, will, we think, be of considerable interest to you:

"Dear Sir,

I was in Jamaica recently on a holiday; enjoyed most things very much, including the programs of the JBC. Especially I noted the high quality of the news broadcasts which in style and maturity of tone resembled the radio news of the CBC.....

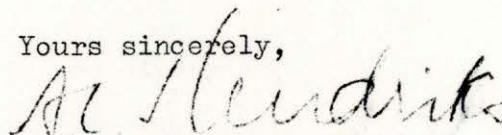
Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) L.E. Duffey
Manager, CBC Television News
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
354 Jarvis Street,
Toronto, Ontario
August 4th.1961. "

For sometime we at the JBC have taken pride in the quality of our news service and we strive hard to maintain and improve our standards.

We are sure that you will share our delight in having this fine compliment from a professional at the top of his field in Canada.

Yours sincerely,



A.L. HENDRIKS
General Manager

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August 10th. 1961.

Dear Sir/s,

Audience Size is not Enough

A recent survey published by the Audience Research Department of The British Broadcasting Corporation makes the following statement which we feel is of considerable importance and significance to all those interested in Broadcasting.

The BBC heads it as this letter is headed:

AUDIENCE SIZE IS NOT ENOUGH:

".... a point which is frequently overlooked.... (is).... that the size of a broadcasts's audience is, by itself, no sure guide to its popularity....."

..... during four typical weeks in midwinter 1960, there were fourteen BBC-TV broadcasts which each had an audience numbering six million persons yet which varied very widely in the extent to which they were enjoyed. At one extreme there was a broadcast which had a Reaction Index (the BBC's yardstick of 'enjoyment') of 79 out of a possible 100, while at the other was one with a Reaction Index of 49.

Thus, had 'audience size' alone been accepted as the criterion of popularity these two broadcasts would have ranked as equal, whereas it is clear that those who saw Broadcast No.1 enjoyed it far more than those who saw Broadcast No.14."

For your interest and information we should tell you that the BBC Audience Research Department is the most extensive operation of its kind in the world, and has made significant contributions to the sociology of broadcasting.

Yours truly,

A.L. HENDRIKS
General Manager

July 21st. 1961.

~~BB. 10/8~~

Mr. Stanley Motta,
President,
Jamaica Chamber of Commerce,
7-8 East Parade
Kingston.

Although I am writing this to you on a personal basis it ties in with Chamber of Commerce work and community services.

Two young senior students from the Priory school, Robert Lightbourne Jnr. and Klaus Oswald (son of one of the German Consuls here) are trying as a holiday experiment to bring out on a once only basis a magazine. They are getting articles from leading people and they are selling a certain amount of advertising in the publication. They are not trying to make a profit but they are certainly trying to breakeven and if they make enough I think that they would certainly give something to charity after taking out reasonable expenses for themselves.

It seems to me that the main value of this is that it is an excellent example of what responsible teenagers can do to gain experience for themselves and to find out what goes on in the commercial community and I think it is just the kind of thing that should be helped. I have promised these boys to mention the matter to you because I believe you can help.

I am proposing to give them a small ad for the JBC more as a gesture than anything else and I have told them that I will try to get someone to give them an article on radio and that I will try and persuade one or two of my friends to write an article for the publication or to put an ad in it.

I have also told them that when the publication appears we will mention it on the air and publicize the fact that young people can do intelligent things like this with their time and indeed not run around at a loose end or get into trouble.

These boys have made the kind of effort that we are continually preaching to the young people that they should make and I think it is up to us to see that their efforts do not embitter them by our lack of response to their endeavours.

What can you do?

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

A. L. HENDRIKS
General Manager.

ALH/kd
c.c. Actg. D.N.P.A.

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July 20th.1961.

Sean Pete

The enclosed speaks for itself.

Do you think that you might give the boys one of your sketches? They are not able to pay contributors, but then neither did Focus!

You might even consider mentioning the project briefly in one of your commentaries.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

A.L. Hendriks
A.L. HENDRIKS
General Manager

ALH/kd
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Mr. Peter Abrahams
The West Indian Economist
164, Harbour Street,
Kingston.

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67541-5

April 8th.1961.

Dear Peter

Enclosed herewith you will find copy of a letter to Commodity Service which tries to make amends for the unfortunate mistake last night.

I realize how upset you were when you phoned, and I should like to apologise to you for the unfortunate error. It so happened that the operator on shift at the time got completely confused and after hearing the identification for Thursday April 6th. played that programme as he thought yesterday was April 6th.!

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

A.L. Hendriks

A.L. HENDRIKS
General Manager.

ALH/kd

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
The West Indian Economist
164 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

April 8th.1961.

Messrs Commodity Service Co.Ltd.,
7-9 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Sirs:-

Attention Mr. Aaron Matalon

We very much regret to have to advise that due to an error on the part of one of our operators the Peter Abrahams commentary for Thursday April 6th. was repeated again on Friday April 7th.

In order to attempt to rectify the situation we are arranging to broadcast, with a suitable explanation, the commentaries scheduled for Friday April 7th. and Saturday April 8th (today) one after another this evening at 6.15p.m. so as to preserve the continuity of the series of commentaries.

In addition we are hereby offering to compensate you for the error by way of two 30-second make good spots to be arranged between your Advertising Agency and our Sales Department.

Once again we should like to offer our apologies for the error and to express our appreciation of the friendly way in which your Mr. Aaron Matalon discussed the matter on the telephone with the undersigned this morning. We will do everything in our power to see that errors don't occur but you will readily realize that sometimes the human element (and the machinery) does fail.

Yours faithfully,

A.L. HENDRIKS
General Manager.

ALH/kd

Commodity Service :

The most heartening thing about this unfortunate episode is the tremendous number of calls that we received about the error which certainly shows that Peter Abrahams' popularity on the J.B.C. is very large indeed!

A.L.H.

c.c. Messrs Stewart-Johnson Associates
Sales Manager
Mr. Peter Abrahams ✓

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JARAD JAMAICA

TELEPHONE
67541-5

Dear Peter

3rd March, 1961

Enclosed herewith, you will find a Release which was sent to me by Abe Issa.

I have discussed it with him, and we think that it may be of use to you as a basis of one of your commentaries. Naturally, I leave it to you to decide how best you think this can be used, if at all.

Harry
A. L. Hendriks,
Acting General Manager.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o JBC,
KINGSTON.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NO: 210261047

JAMAICA AN OASIS OF PEACE
AND CALM IN THE CARIBBEAN

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JAMAICA, W.I.: Political conditions in some countries of the Caribbean can give a false impression to outsiders with regard the area as a whole. A common misconception, for example, is to view the Caribbean as one big trouble spot, where civil disorders create conditions that are far from conducive to a pleasant and peaceful vacation.

The real position is a great difference from this misconception. There may be unsettled political conditions in some Caribbean territories but the region as a whole remains free from disturbance. This is particularly true of Jamaica which, with its long years of upbringing in the British way of life, is an oasis of peace and calm in the Caribbean.

Largest and most important island of the British West Indian group, Jamaica gives the lead to the rest of the region with its orderly and steady progress, its political, social and economic development, and, above all, its stable and democratic government. Its $1\frac{1}{2}$ -million people live in peace and harmony with each other and with the rest of the world.

The great social and economic changes which have taken place in the island have been effected without violence or even lawlessness; its remarkable political advancement has been achieved without revolution.

What is the secret of Jamaica's peaceful progress? How has it been able to make such headway in the world, to achieve full internal self-government as a member of the British Commonwealth? How has its economy developed almost to the point of self-sufficiency?

The answers to these questions are to be found in the island's history. Jamaica has been under British influence for over 300 years. Its political and social institutions, its manner of speech, habits and customs derive almost entirely from Britain. Many of its parishes, towns and cities bear British names.

The result is a complete Britishism about the island that keeps it calm and peaceful. British to the core, Jamaica abhors anything that smacks violence. Its minor political or labour troubles are settled by peaceful means. The law courts and the ballot box are the orderly methods by which improvements and changes are brought about.

Law and order is the rule of life in the island. The British pattern of parliamentary democracy is followed — as expressed by the two-party political system, the two-chamber legislative machinery, the free, open vote under universal adult suffrage since 1944. The Government remains firm and stable, changing only in administrative control when the will of the people is declared in regular general elections, held every five years.

Along with political progress has come economic development. Long-established agricultural activity has achieved prosperity for the island, with the growing and marketing of such valuable export crops as sugar, bananas, coffee, citrus, coconuts, pimento and other farm products. Manufacturing industry has also been developed, to bring the benefits of industrialisation to the island's economy.

Developing agriculture and industry have broadened Jamaica's economic base, bringing increased prosperity to the inhabitants and enhancing the opportunities for employment. Housing conditions are being steadily improved, and educational facilities are being widened to embrace all sections of the community.

Socially, Jamaica provides for the world a model in race relations. A multi-racial society, the island is a melting pot of the world's peoples. Out of this human crucible has come an amalgam of people of all hues and racial origins, who are all Jamaicans and proud of it, who know no divisions of race or colour or creed, who live side by side in peace and contentment.

Against this background of peaceful and orderly advancement, Jamaica is an oasis of calm in the Caribbean. Here is a country that has never known the oppressor's heel or the tyrant's whip. Its British governor lives in an English-type manor house, unprotected by guards. The British army spends its time playing soccer and polo against Jamaican teams.

Visitors to Jamaica find this calm and stability greatly to their liking. They respond warmly to the island's British way of life, which sees traffic riding on the left side of the road, and British-type Jamaican policemen doing duty in their red, white and blue uniforms.

They hear English spoken, they see British habits and customs being perpetuated. They witness a progressive, peaceful people going placidly about the business of becoming a nation — a nation of friendly, happy people whose traditional hospitality to visitors is a household word around the world.

Somehow, the mood of the island reflects its natural situation. For this is a land of eternal sunshine, of year-long summer, a land of never-ending scenic beauty. And so its people, living in such a lovely land, dwell in happiness and in peace, disturbed by neither internal disorder nor external strife.

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28th February, 1961

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour St.,
Kingston

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

In confirmation of discussions, we hereby agree that we are negotiating with our sponsors, the Matalon Group of Companies, for them to sponsor News Commentary on Sundays at 6.10 p.m. as well as Mondays through Saturdays at 6.15 p.m.

In the event of our concluding negotiations with our sponsors, the terms and conditions of our letters to you dated 3rd February, in respect of News Commentary Mondays through Saturdays, between 6.15 and 6.20 p.m. for the period 27th February, 1961 to the 24th February, 1962, will be deemed to apply to the Commentary at 6.10 to 6.15 p.m. on Sundays.

The letter dated 27th January, 1961, concerning the ten minute programme "Views on the News" on Sundays is hereby considered cancelled as the proposal is that the Commentary on Sundays at 6.10 - 6.15 p.m. should replace this programme.

If you are in agreement with the foregoing, please be good enough to sign the attached copy of this letter and, in the event of our concluding negotiations with our sponsors, this letter will then become a binding agreement between yourself and the Corporation.

Yours sincerely,

A.L. HENDRIKS

Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation

Conditions herein accepted:

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Signature

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Date

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The West Indian Economist,
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Dear Mr. Abrahams,

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From the 27th February to the 27th July, 1961, the proposal is that you should be paid a fee of £8. 8/- in respect of each broadcast; and that you should prepare and submit the scripts for these broadcasts during the period mentioned above at least 24 hours in advance of of the time of broadcast.

The Corporation shall have the right to record any script for broadcast, and there shall be no additional fee payable in respect of making any recording.

The Corporation shall have the right to reject, edit, or alter any script. Each script shall be broadcast once only, and you are to supply a new script for each broadcast.

If you would be willing to accept this offer, please be kind enough to sign the enclosed duplicate copy of this letter as an indication of your willingness.

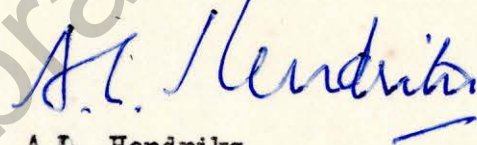
This agreement is terminable on one week's notice

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in writing on either side.

In the event of our concluding negotiations with our clients on this basis, this letter will then be considered a binding contract between this Company and your goodself for you to prepare and submit and present the programme as set out above.

Yours sincerely,

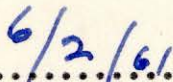


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From the 28th July, 1961, till the 24th February, 1962, the proposal is that you should be paid a fee of £5. 5/- in respect of each broadcast, plus a travelling allowance of £1. 1/- per broadcast; and that you should prepare and submit the scripts for these broadcasts during the period mentioned above at least 24 hours in advance of the time of broadcast.

The Corporation shall have the right to record any script for broadcast and there shall be no additional fee payable in respect of making any recording.

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2nd February, 1961

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour St.,
Kingston

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Mr. Henriks would be grateful if you would hand to bearer all the copies of the letters he gave to you last week Friday in connection with the News Commentary.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,



J.L. Shaw (Mrs.)

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Kingston

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We are in the process of negotiating with our clients, The Commodity Service Company (Jamaica) Ltd., to sponsor a ten-minute programme of Views on the News to be broadcast on Sundays between 1.00 and 1.10 p.m. for the period 5th March, 1961, to the 4th March, 1962, and we would like to secure your services as Script-writer and Commentator. The programme content should not exceed nine minutes of broadcasting time, and should not be less than eight and one half-minutes. More than one subject may be covered in each programme, which should include conducted interviews with people in the news.

The proposal is that you should be paid a fee of £7. 7/- in respect of each broadcast, plus a travelling allowance of £1. 1/- per broadcast; and that you should prepare and submit the scripts for these broadcasts during the period mentioned above at least 24 hours in advance of the time of broadcast.

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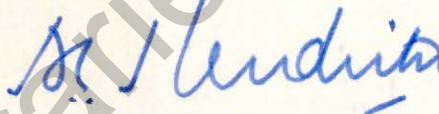
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Yours sincerely,



A.L. HENDRIKS
Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation

Conditions herein accepted:



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Signature

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Date

18th January 1960.

Mr. Hector Bernard,
Jamaica Broadcasting Corpn.,
5 South Odeon Avenue,
Kingston 10.

Dear Hector,

Thank you for your letter of
January 12th which, incidentally, was
wrongly addressed to 101 Harbour Street.

I think your idea of a three-
cornered discussion alternating with
straight talks is an excellent one, and
of course, I wish you all the success
possible with it. However, as far as I
personally am concerned, I find your fee
too small to be able to afford to take
part in these discussions. But thanks for
asking me all the same.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Abrahams
MANAGING EDITOR

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January 12, 1960

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

Dear Peter,

You are perhaps familiar with our talks series "The Arts", which is broadcast every Saturday between 3.15 and 3.30. We have now decided to change the series to Tuesdays and to alternate a straight talk with a three-cornered discussion.

The programme will be a 15 minute discussion on matters relating to the arts. A fee of £3. 3/- will be paid to participants.

As we are eager to get the discussion part of this series started, I should be much obliged to you if you would be good enough to telephone me if you are willing to help with it.

Yours sincerely,


HECTOR BERNARD

DIRECTOR OF NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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27th August 1959.

Miss Gloria Laylor,
Jamaica Broadcasting Corp.,
Odeon Avenue,
Kingston 10.

Dear Miss Laylor,

You have now had my script on
Braithwaite "To Sir with love" for several
weeks without doing anything about it. I
have therefore decided to use it elsewhere.
Will you kindly return it to me as early
as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Abrahams

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Western Bureau: 23 Orange Street, Montego Bay, Telephone: 952-3214

1998 November 13

Mr. Peter Abrahams
c/o Radio Jamaica Limited
32 Lyndhurst Road
Kingston 5

Dear Peter:

I am writing to formally thank you for your contribution to RJR News over the years with your thought provoking and incisive commentaries that have become a staple of Jamaican radio over many years.

As I pointed out, the News and Current Affairs Department has effected a number of measures which, while resulting in savings, have impacted on product.

Effective December 31, 1998 talent fees for News Commentary in Beyond the Headlines will be discontinued.

It is regrettable that you will no longer be providing us with News Commentary but, as you indicated, it would be impossible for you to continue contributing to the RJR News Product without the usual financial remuneration. We fully appreciate and support your position.

We extend an invitation for you to continue to be a part of the resource panel for RJR News and Current Affairs products and RJR's special events coverage.

Thank you once again for your contribution to Beyond the Headlines.

All the best and good luck.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Grant
News and Current Affairs Editor

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January 7, 1997

Mr. Peter Abrahams
c/o Radio Jamaica Limited
32 Lyndhurst Road
Kingston 5

Dear Mr. Abrahams:

I am writing to thank you for the role that you played in making Radio Jamaica's and Super Supreme Television's coverage of the 1997 Elections an excellent product.

Your analysis during our coverage of the vote count enhanced our products immensely.

Thank you for working with the Supreme Election Centre.

Yours sincerely,


Jennifer Grant
News and Current Affairs Editor

JG/eg

Received
6/2/98

TELEPHONE: 92-79915

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

21 HOPEFIELD AVENUE
P.O. BOX 43
KINGSTON 6, JAMAICA, W.I.

16th May, 1988

Mr. Peter Abrahams
Radio Jamaica Ltd.
32 Lyndhurst Road
Kingston 5

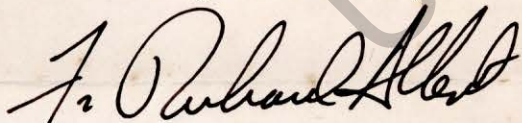
Dear Mr. Abrahams,

I am happy to send you a copy of Archbishop Carter's latest Pastoral Letter which was released to all the Catholic Churches through the May issue of the Catholic Opinion, entitled "THE PRIORITY OF LABOUR".

The Pastoral Letter, during this Year Of The Worker, deals with principles of Catholic social teaching and lays out certain rights which are considered essential for the well being of today's worker here in Jamaica.

I would welcome your comments on the Pastoral. Many thanks for your kind consideration.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Richard Albert
Communications Officer

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ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

21 HOPEFIELD AVENUE
P.O. BOX 43
KINGSTON 6, JAMAICA, W.I.

May 13, 1988

Dear Peter:

I am pleased to send you a copy of the pastoral letter "THE PRIORITY OF LABOUR". 1988 has been proclaimed the Year of the Worker in Jamaica. This letter seeks to explore the conditions, rights and responsibilities of workers in the light of our faith and the teaching of our Church.

It is my hope that "THE PRIORITY OF LABOUR" will stimulate dialogue so that with the Spirit of God, active in our midst through our united efforts, we will be encouraged to take effective action in the struggle for justice and human dignity for all.

I ask your prayers that this letter will assist in our continuing discovery of the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst.

Sincerely,



Most Rev. Samuel E. Carter, S.J.
Archbishop of Kingston

June 11, 1980

Honourable Michael Manley,
Prime Minister,
Prime Minister's Office,
Jamaica House.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I write to formally advise you that following the elections yesterday and the day before of the Class A and Class C Directors to serve on the new Board of Radio Jamaica, the task you entrusted to the interim Board you appointed in September of 1977 to divest the shares of the Company in accordance with the Government's broad instructions has now been completed. The only matter remaining now is for the Government to name the two Class B Directors to represent its interest on the new Board.

The Articles of Association of the Company require that the names of the two Government nominees be sent to the company's secretary in writing not later than June 30th, 1980. As the interim Board will hold its final meeting on June 25th, 1980, I would be grateful if the names of the Government nominees could reach Radio Jamaica before that date so that the interim Board could Minute all the names of the new Directors who will take over the management of the affairs of the Company from July onward. Please note that I do not myself wish to be considered for nomination as a Class B Director. I think that Class B Directors should represent the views and the interests of the Government rather more sharply in the new circumstances than was necessary during the period of the interim Board whose primary task in any case was, firstly, the working out of the divestment process; and secondly, the introduction of a system of worker participation at every level of the Company's operations. These we have now done, and all the members of the interim Board are pleased that the work has been successful, and proud to have been associated with an exciting and challenging undertaking.

Speaking for myself personally, I am grateful for the trust you showed in me by asking me to head the interim Board. The experience has been instructive and valuable and I was glad of the opportunity to serve the Jamaican news media in an exciting transition from one form of ownership to another.

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31st October 1979.

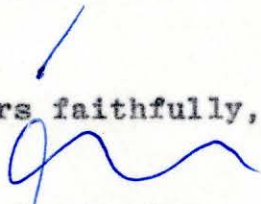
Mr. Bruce Golding
General Secretary
The Jamaica Labour Party
P.O. Box 536
20 Belmont Road
Kingston 5.

Dear Sir,

At its meeting this afternoon the board of Radio Jamaica Limited considered your letter of 22nd October 1979 and has instructed me to say that the public interest and the right of the Jamaican people to know all the facts must be a primary concern and to serve this end has decided to broadcast in full the recording of the breakfast meeting of the Washington Press which was addressed by Mr. Seaga.

This broadcast will be on Friday
2nd November between 9 p.m. - 10.15 p.m.

Yours faithfully,


Gloria Matthews
Secretary.

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On October 17 the Leader of the Opposition Mr Edward Seaga addressed a breakfast meeting of the Washington Press Club. Following the address the Government of Jamaica reacted with a ~~ministeral~~ ^{ministerial} broadcast delivered by the Minister of Youth and Sports the Hon. Hugh Small on radio and television on 21st October 1979.

The Jamaica Labour Party as a consequence wrote to the two media houses requesting equal time in order to reply to Mr Small's address.

The General Manager of the Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation ~~replied~~ ^{By letter Rejected} ~~replied~~ rejecting the Jamaica Labour Party's request. RJR ^{also by letter,} replied, advising that as this was a matter of policy the application of the JLP would be referred to the board of directors.

On Sunday 28th October Mr Karl Rattray ^{The} ~~as~~ Attorney General addressed the nation on ~~the~~ radio and television concerning the constitutional role of the Opposition.

On Wednesday 31st October the board of Radio Jamaica Limited met and decided that the public ^{and the right} interest of the Jamaican people ~~and their right~~ to know all the facts should be of primary concern and to serve this end decided to broadcast in full the recording of the breakfast meeting addressed by Mr Seaga. RJR advised the JLP of this decision in a letter dated 31st October.

We now present that recording

32 LYNDHURST
R. J. R.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
MR. LESTER SPALLING,
RADIO JAMAICA.

Dear sir,

Radio is all about sound and communication; It is axiomatic therefore that a radio station would engage fully the services of one who has a wonderful voice, command of the language and profound intelligence. If the radio station is Radio Jamaica however, one is apt to get a rude awakening.

In an age when most people merely like to say something I have always had something to say but no forum; Now having failed my law exams through what was called a lack of effort, I do not wish to fail in radio through the lack of other people's efforts.

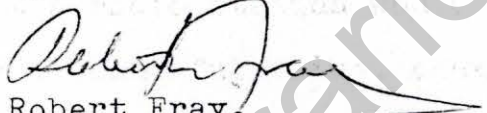
Many people including my father have discreetly withdraw support from me in the hope that they would drive me back to law. I think people must be allowed to chart their own courses in life once what they are doing is nothing reprehensible; I would like to be in-House Lawyer at RJR if required one day but not now.

Meanwhile, let me state, my intention is to become a great broadcaster, perhaps the greatest (I can now hear, the sotto voce remarks of delusions of grandeur).

In a station where power is used willy-nilly and to cheap ends and where meritocracy is viciously spurned, the road to the top is laborious and tougher than needs be.

Meanwhile, the station though ahead of JBC now creaks, simply
creaks, ~~because~~ because RJR having found a winning formula has stuck
to it slavishly.....but while engaged in our euphoria, reminder,
TEMPUS FUGIT.

I am,
yours truly,


Robert Fray.

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Kingston 5, Jamaica.
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Telephone: 936-1100

24th October, 1977.

MEMORANDUM TO DIRECTORS

COVERAGE

At the request of the chairman and for information we attach the following two papers on coverage: -

- (a) Memorandum dated 11th February, 1975;
- (b) Memorandum dated 9th March, 1976.


Gloria Matthews.

cc: Chairman

Directors:

Peter Abrahams
Chairman
Howard Hamilton
Deputy Chairman
L. W. dePass
Managing Director
Courtney Fletcher
O. K. Melhado
Manley McAdam
Miss Judith Robinson



24th October, 1977.

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ORGANISATIONAL CHART

At the request of the chairman and for information
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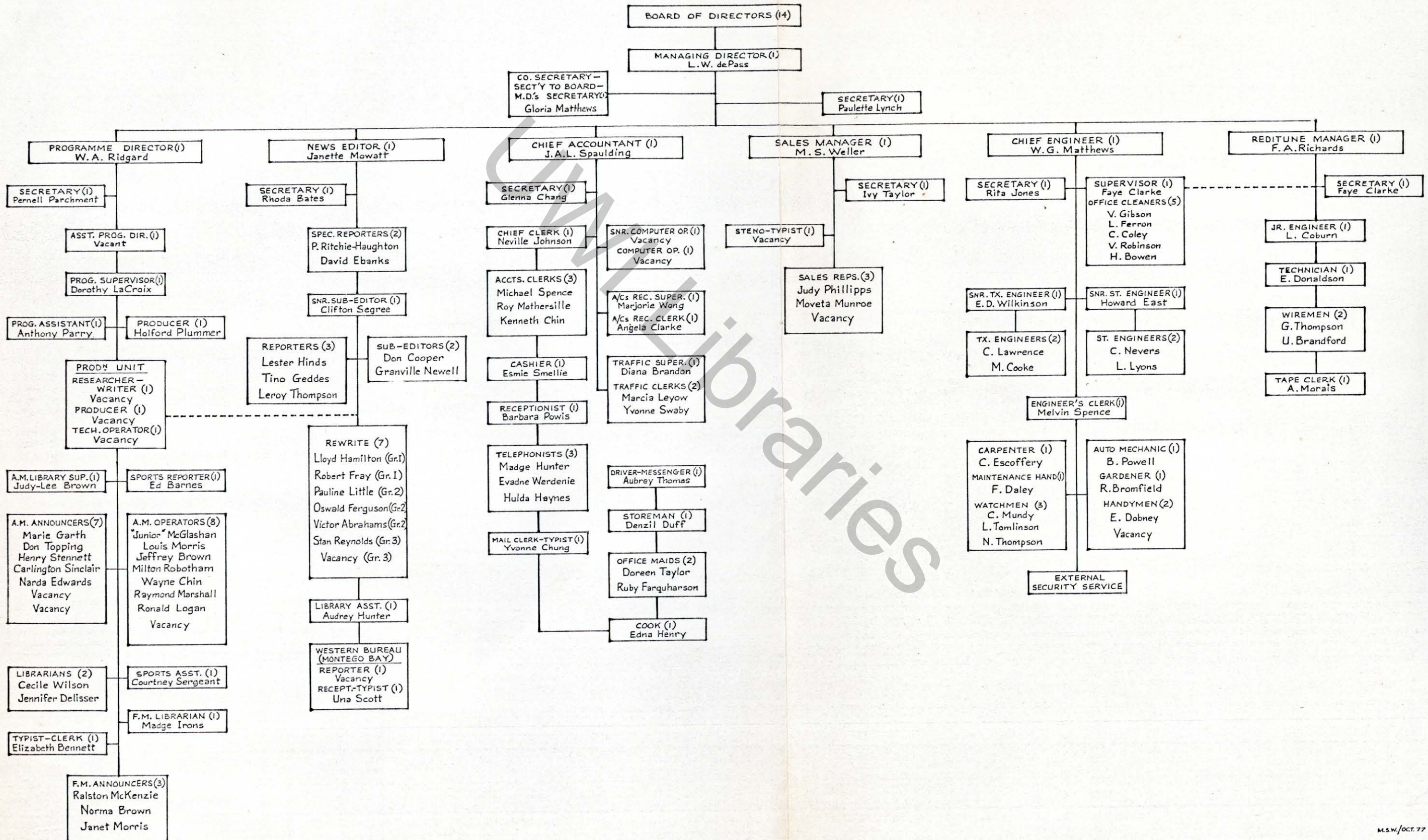

Gloria Matthews.

cc: Chairman

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ORGANISATION OF RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED - (RJR)



BREAKDOWN OF FIGURES FOR MONTHLY REPORT

RELIGIOUS

OTHER

AUGUST

4 Church service - 45 mins ea.
 4 Christian Hymns of our Time 10 mins. ea 4Hrs.3Mins
 Noon Day prayers for 23 days- 1 min. ea

Announcement of Sir. Alexander Bustamante's death followed by tributes and music - 4 hrs.

Funeral of Sir Alexander - 7 hrs. 15mins

Features Magazine for 23 days-10 mins. ea

Banana Board Report on Sat.s-5 mins.

In the Public Interest 9 progs. 60 mins. ea

Sunday Contact - 60 mins. ea/

Total 25 HRS 40 MINS

SEPTEMBER

4 Church services - 45 mins. ea/
 4 Christian Hymns of Our Time 10 mins. ea. 4Hrs. 1Min
 Noon Day Prayers for 21 days - 1 min. ea.

P.M.'s broadcast at Norman Manley's Memorial re take over of RJR - 19 mins.

St. William Grant's funeral 20 mins.

In the Public Interest 14 progs.-60 mins. ea.

Sunday Contact 3 progs.- 60 mins. ea/ 1 @ 51 mins.

Banana Board Reports Sat/Sun. 5 mins. ea(5)

Total 24Hrs. 50 mins

OCTOBER

5 Church services - 45 mins. ea.
 5 Christian Hymns of our Time 10 mins. ea
 Noon day prayers 20 days - 1 min. ea. 4Hrs. 55 Mins

Exposure 2 weeks - 73 mins., 2 wks. 90 mins.

Contact 5 progs. 60 mins. ea.

Samora Machel's arrival 28 mins.

Announcement of Castro's visit 5 mins.

Awards ceremony - 35 mins.

11 progs. in the Public Interest @ 60 mins.

Speech from Sam Sharpe Square - Fidel Castro 125 min

Football reports during the month 42 mins.

Arrival of Castro

Presentation of OJ to Fidel Castro

Total 28Hrs. 45 Mins.

Coyaba
Red Hills P.O.
St. Andrew.

November 4, 1968

Dear Felix,


Thank you very much for your note of October 28, and 'Effort' and particularly for Seprod's pride in sponsoring News Commentary.

I think you know that I, too, am very proud of the association with Seprod and with you. I cannot think of any better, more welcome, and more public-spirited sponsorship than yours. Such public service as News Commentary has been able to render has been greatly helped by my sense confidence in your sponsorship, particularly when the country was in trouble and I had to say things many people would have preferred left unsaid.

It might have seemed that I had taken all this for granted so I am glad of this opportunity to let you know.

All the best.

Yours sincerely



Peter Abrahams



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October 28, 1968.

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Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o Radio Jamaica Limited,
32 Lyndhurst Road,
Kingston 5.

Dear Peter,

I attach the latest issue of "Effort" in which you are mentioned. This caught my eye today.

This gives me the opportunity of saying how proud we are at Seprod to sponsor your broadcasts on R.J.R.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Felix

Felix M. Fox.

FMF:hg

Encl.

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11^B MARAVAL ROAD
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TELEPHONE: 21151

Please Reply to Maraval Road.

BFB/WMF.

22nd September, 1961.

Peter Abrahams, Esq.,
The West Indian Economist,
164-6 Harbour Street,
Kingston,
JAMAICA, W.I.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

With reference to your letter of 12th September,
please note that I have arranged for you to receive payment
of \$88.11 being our share of your expenses relating to your
visit to British Guiana.

Yours faithfully,

B. F. Bonsor
B.F. Bonsor,
General Manager,

REDIFFUSION (WEST INDIES) LIMITED.

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12th September, 196

Mr. B. F. Bonsor,
General Manager,
Rediffusion (West Indies) Ltd.,
11B Maraval Road,
Port of Spain,
Trinidad.


Dear Mr. Bonsor,

Expenses re Visit to British Guiana

You will recall that when we discussed my visit to British Guiana you agreed that the Rediffusion Group would share the expenses with the West Indian Economist. Booker Brothers as I told you, provided me with a return air passage and also gave me the use of a car while I was in British Guiana. I of course had to supply the gas for the car and during my five days in British Guiana I spent approximately Seventy Five dollars (\$75.00, W.I.) on gas and other out of pocket expenses and my hotel bill at the Woodbine came to \$66.22. On the way down I stopped over in Trinidad for one evening and on the way back I again stopped over in Trinidad for one evening. Hotel bills for the two evenings in Trinidad came to a total of \$35.00. This gives a total of \$176.22. Your share of this works out at \$88.11.

I understand that both Trinidad and Jamaica were very happy with the voicecasts.

Yours sincerely,


Peter Abrahams.

PA/ul.

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OUR REF. PD/N/1

28th August, 1961.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o Radio Jamaica Ltd.,
32 Lyndhurst Road,
Kingston 5.

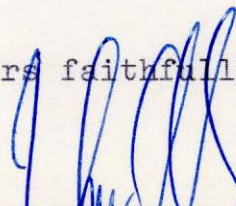
Dear Mr. Abrahams,

We are writing to thank you most sincerely for the five reports, you broadcast on our behalf from British Guiana from 18th to 22nd August 1961. They gave listeners in Jamaica an excellent picture of the day to day atmosphere in that territory and helped to put the results into perspective. There is no need for us to emphasise to you the importance of these Elections and we know that you were in full agreement with our policy of providing special coverage of them on behalf of our listeners here in Jamaica. We are most grateful to you for making this coverage such a success.

May we also take this opportunity of thanking you for the series "Forum On Federation," just ended. Although I was only present in Jamaica for the final programmes, I have heard glowing accounts of the earlier discussions and congratulate you on having made such a notable contribution to the stimulation of intelligent consideration and discussion of this vital question in Jamaica.

At the time that we informed you of our decision to wind up "Forum On Federation," we had only two programmes recorded for use; it is our custom to provide free-lance artists with one month's notice of discontinuation and you will find therefore that you have been paid fees for an additional two programmes, which were not in fact broadcast.

Yours faithfully,



Radio Jamaica and Rediffusion

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OUR REF. PD/N/1

14th August, 1961.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o Radio Jamaica Ltd.,
32 Lyndhurst Road,
Kingston 5.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

"GENERAL ELECTIONS BRITISH GUIANA"

Reference your offer to Mr. B.F. Bonsor to provide your services in connection with our coverage of the General Elections in British Guiana, this is to advise you that the necessary circuits have been booked with Cable and Wireless Limited from British Guiana to Radio Trinidad, Barbados Rediffusion Service and Radio Jamaica and Rediffusion for the following programmes:-

"The Election Scene - B.G." of five minutes duration on Friday to Tuesday inclusive, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd August 1961 to be transmitted from British Guiana between 1745 and 1945 GMT. We imagine that in the first three of these you will provide us with a description of the political atmosphere in British Guiana, and what the leading candidates are doing and saying; on the 21st, we would like to receive an account of the polling; and on the 22nd, we assume you will be giving us the late results and describing British Guiana's reaction to the results as a whole.

"The British Guiana Election Results" on Monday 21st August 1961 in four programmes to be transmitted from British Guiana at what will be 0200, 0300, 0400 and 0515 GMT on Tuesday 22nd August 1961. We imagine that in each programme you will bring us up to date with the state of the parties and discuss any significant trends.

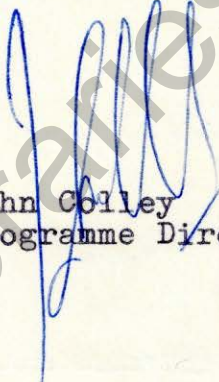
We understand that a fee has been agreed between Mr. B.F. Bonsor and yourself and that you have undertaken to provide the above material for use in Jamaica, Trinidad and Barbados.

In conclusion, we ask you to open each programme with the following statement:- "This is Peter Abrahams in Georgetown, British Guiana calling listeners to Radio Jamaica.

in Georgetown, British Guiana. I return listeners to Radio Jamaica, Radio Trinidad and Barbados Rediffusion to their studios."

Thank you for undertaking these broadcasts for us, good luck and good circuits.

Yours sincerely,



John Colley
Programme Director

JC:ths

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11th August, 1961.

Mr. B. F. Bonsor,
General Manager,
Rediffusion (West Indies) Ltd.,
11B Maraval Road,
Port of Spain,
Trinidad.

Dear Mr. Bonsor,

From our conversation of Wednesday the 9th I did not realise the extent of your dissatisfaction with the West Indian News nor the fact that you held me personally responsible for its not "commanding the audience that it should". It was only after I read your letter dated the 4th which you handed me after our conversation that I realised these two facts fully. In the circumstances I feel it only fair both to yourself as well as to myself that I should set out my views as clearly as possible.

From our previous conversations and correspondence I thought we were in agreement that while the West Indian News was by no means what either of us would like it to be we were agreed that the built-in problems within the very nature of its structure were such as to impose very severe limitations on my control of both news content and presents I had and have very little positive control over the news items presented to me and very little time in which to ask for such rewriting and improvements as I saw fit. And the condition of the circuit as been such at times that I had no time to deal with even these minimal points. As long as I felt we were agreed on these built-in limitations I was prepared to assume responsibility for the programme. To expect me to assume responsibility for factors over which I have no real control seems to me unreasonable.

I certainly can suggest a number of ways in which the programme could be improved but I think the most likely one is an idea which you have yourself put forward. This is the one person should receive all the news from all the stations and then assemble and write it as one whole. This can then either be parcelled out to the various stations and read as we now do or one news reader can do the entire reading. That

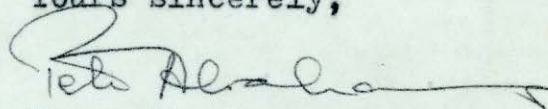
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Peter Abrahams.

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Yours sincerely,



Peter Abrahams.

Radio Jamaica and Rediffusion

17th February. 1961.

Secretary,
Radio Jamaica Limited,
32 Lyndhurst Road,
Kingston 5.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the terms of our agreement signed on the 9th June, 1960, concerning the Sunday afternoon programme "Views on the News" I hereby formally give you a week's notice terminating our agreement.

As you are aware I have decided not to renew my agreement with you for the daily news commentary programmes and in the light of that decision it seems to me best to also terminate the "Views on the News" Contract as both these programmes are basically part of one single whole.

I should like the operators and other staff members at Radio Jamaica with whom I worked over the past year on these programmes to know that I have greatly appreciated their cooperation and cordiality and I should like to thank them for this.

Yours sincerely,


PA/us.

Peter Abrahams.

6th February, 1961

NEWS EDITOR CC: P.A/A P.D (ON RETURN)
Mr Peter Abrahams (For information)

Please note that all appeals, whether direct or disguised, concerning the World Refugee Year or the World Refugee Week should now cease.


W. MacLurg
Managing Director

WM/gl

RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED
32 Lyndhurst Road,
Kingston 5
January 9th.1961.

Dear Sir/s,

LISTENERSHIP

You have no doubt heard the following news item on RJR during the past day or two:

" An independent survey of listenership to Radio in Jamaica completed by Caribbean Research Limited three weeks ago and currently being circulated to the advertising industry shows that listenership to this station, RJR, between the hours of 7a.m. and 8p.m. Mondays through Saturdays exceeds 81% of the total. That is, more than four-fifths of the radio listeners in Jamaica tune to Radio Jamaica between the hours of 7 in the morning and 8 o'clock in the evening from Monday to Saturday.

The overall listenership to RJR from 7 o'clock in the morning to 9.30p.m. during the entire week, Sunday to Saturday, is nearly 77%.

It is interesting to observe that although in certain periods of time the listenership to Radio Jamaica reaches a high point of between 90% and 95%, the general average of 8 out of 10 listeners tuned in to RJR has remained almost constant since the first comparative listenership survey was taken in September of 1959."

With every good wish for a prosperous New Year!.

Yours truly,
RADIO JAMAICA LTD.

15th December, 1960

Mr. Stanford J. Miller,
4 Cartridge Road,
Norman Gardens,
Kingston 2.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 3rd December, 1960,
to Mr. Peter Abrahams, News Commentator of RJR, he has
asked us to write to you and ask you to drop in and
see him any afternoon, other than Saturday or Sunday,
here at RJR at 4.30p.m.

Yours faithfully,

b
A.L.HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Limited.

ALH:pw

cc: Mr. Peter Abrahams ✓

Radio Jamaica and Rediffusion

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OUR REF.:

6th December, 1960

Mr. P. Abrahams,
164 Harbour St.,
KINGSTON.

Dear *Peter*

"FORUM ON FEDERATION":

Just a note to say that we have decided that it would be better not to have "FORUM ON FEDERATION" on December 24, Christmas Eve, and December 31, New Year's Eve, so please do not plan any for those dates. We will resume, of course, on Saturday, January 7, 1961, and you may continue to build up a backlog which will be made easier by omitting the programmes on the two dates mentioned above.

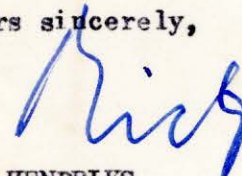
"VIEWS ON THE NEWS":

We should like you to make sure that the programmes for December 25, Christmas Day, and January 1, 1961, New Year's Day, are appropriate to those dates. Perhaps on December 25 you can take a view on the current feeling that Christmas is becoming too commercialized or something like that, while on January 1 you may care to do a brief review of the previous year.

Those are just suggestions. As usual you have a free hand to select your subject.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,



A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

ALH:pw

cc: P.D.

1st November, 1960

Chairman,
The Building Societies Association of Ja.Ltd.,
c/o P.O.Box 90,
6, Duke St.,
KINGSTON.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 19th October, 1960, we have to advise that we have shown your letter to Mr. Peter Abrahams who will be giving it careful consideration and if in due course of time the subject of low-cost housing or building societies is again topical he may return to the matter and possibly discuss some of the aspects raised in your letter.

We take this opportunity of thanking you most sincerely for your interest in the matter and for bringing certain points to our notice.

Yours faithfully,

b

A.L.HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

ALH:pw

cc: Mr. Peter Abrahams ✓ ... Peter,

I like your suggestion that perhaps in the next month or so you might invite Karl Richards to appear on "VIEWS ON THE NEWS"

✓

A.L.H.

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TELEPHONE : 21151

General Manager's

~~Regional Director's~~ Office.

11b. Maraval Road,

Port-of-Spain,

Trinidad, B.W.I.

BFB/WMF.

17th October, 1960.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o Radio Jamaica Limited,
32, Lyndhurst Road,
Crossroads,
JAMAICA, W.I.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

Further to our recent discussions I am pleased to ask you to act as Controller of the proposed West Indian News.

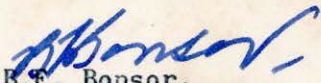
Initially this contract is for a period of three months beginning with the first news transmission, the date of which will be notified to you later. Subsequently the contract will run on a month to month basis, each party to give the other one month's notice of termination.

The fee payable will be three guineas per daily programme if it is unsponsored, and five guineas if it is sponsored. Remuneration for any time spent on the trial runs will be settled separately by mutual agreement.

This letter is being sent to you in duplicate. Would you please sign the duplicate copy to indicate your agreement to its contents and return it to me.

I hope that your association with this Company will be long and mutually satisfactory to both parties.

Yours sincerely,
For and on behalf of
REDIFFUSION (WEST INDIES) LIMITED,

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E.F. Bonsor,
General Manager.

I AGREE TO THE ABOVE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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REDIFFUSION (WEST INDIES) LIMITED.

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General Manager's
~~Programme Directors' Office.~~

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Trinidad, B.W.I.

BFB/WMF.

26th September, 1960.

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
c/o Radio Jamaica Limited,
32, Lyndhurst Road,
Crossroads,
JAMAICA, W.I.

West Indian News.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

With reference to my conversation with you regarding the West Indian News project, I have now had another meeting with Cable and Wireless and it seems possible that Jamaica can be considered as the control point, but they quite correctly point out that if the Jamaica link should fail nothing would get through whereas if the control point was in Barbados the failure of one link would only affect one area.

It has been suggested that the programme could be produced without a control point and if no control point was used it would be very much easier to produce the programme and very much cheaper. I think, however, we would be getting a different type of programme but a lot of difficulties are created as soon as the control point is introduced. I wish to give this matter further consideration before finally deciding.

If there is going to be a control point I would very much like it to be Jamaica despite the disadvantages from a technical point of view. I think there is going to be a lot of difficulties in establishing the programme, both technical and production, and to overcome them will require a great deal of patience and understanding.

I am trying to arrange a meeting of Programme Directors for the week commencing October 10th and would very much like you to attend that meeting as if there is going to be a control point I would like to ask you to be responsible for the selection of the items and arrangement of the news, and assume general control of the programme. In the first instance I would like to consider this arrangement for a period of three months which would allow us to see what difficulties we may have to contend with, technical and otherwise.

The meeting of Programme Directors will be held in Antigua or Barbados but I will advise you definitely what time and place as soon as I have been able to confirm the arrangements.

Yours faithfully,


B.F. Bonsor,

THE JAMAICA EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION

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11 Duke Street,
Kingston.

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September 17, 1960.

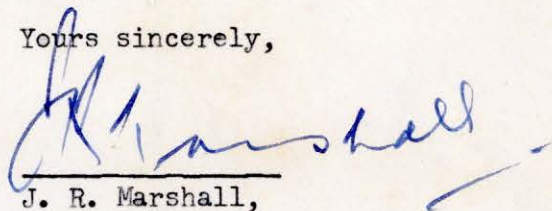
P. Abrahams, Esq.,
Editor,
The West Indian Economist,
164, Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, but through the courtesy of Greaves Hill I have received a copy of your commentary on the statement we made in "The Gleaner" of September 10. Thank you for commenting, as of course what we want is publicity and your remarks regarding Wages and Productivity were apt and helpful.

2. I am wondering if you would be good enough to let me circulate the text of your broadcast to our members as everyone is curious about re-actions to our press statement? I heard you say on the Radio the other evening it was impossible to reply to all letters (some lady was peeved apparently) so if your Secretary would give me a ring regarding the request in this paragraph that would suffice.

Yours sincerely,


J. R. Marshall,
Director.

JRM/nl

Agreed to use

27th August 1960.

RTK
file"STUDIO BOOKINGS"

To: PA/O., Miss Williams.
 cc: S.M., N.E., Mrs. Riel, Mr. Brimble, Mr. Abrahams, Mr. Bowen,
 Mr. Ponman, PA/A., PA/P., S.O., Miss Clarke, Mr. Reid, Mr. Antaya,
 Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Ince.

Further to our conversation yesterday I confirm that the following drill is to go into effect from Monday August 29th.

- 1) The booking sheet for the day concerned must be typed the previous afternoon but not earlier than 3.45p.m. (in order that it may be as up-to-date as possible).
- 2) In future booking sheets should not be issued separately to the various duty float operators. They must work either from the master sheet in your office or from the sheet at the receptionist's desk.
- 3) Both the master sheet and the reception sheet must be kept constantly and completely up-to-date in order that programme personnel who check the master sheet and the receptionist's sheet may all ascertain at a glance what the exact studio booking position is at any given moment. Those concerned must remember that immediately a change has been made to the master sheet it must be copied on to the receptionist's copy.
- 4) The booking sheet should be prepared as at present with the following addition - in the section clearly headed "Duty Float Operators", the sheet should show the names of all float operators on duty for the day, including meal reliefs, and the exact times at which these people are on duty. Naturally, any change in operator must be entered on the master and receptionist's booking sheets.
- 5) It is also confirmed that with effect from the same date you will give instructions that all float operators, when on duty, must always be available between float jobs in your office and nowhere else, during office hours, and at the receptionist's desk and nowhere else after office hours.

I am asking all to whom copies of this memorandum have been sent to note that they should check with the Receptionist as to what studio and operator have been allocated for their bookings, even if the booking is a regular daily one. I would suggest that broadcasters who have regular bookings merely ask to see the receptionist's booking sheet themselves. I would be grateful if broadcasters would report to me personally any deviation from the information given on the receptionist's booking sheet. Needless to say, any change which a broadcaster wishes to make in an existing booking should be referred to PA/O., or failing him, to Miss Williams.

S.M., perhaps you would be kind enough to ask the Receptionist and Telephonist to retain their copy of the booking sheet on a clipped board or something similar for inspection and amendment and perhaps you would also explain to them that from now on all broadcasters will check with them for information as outlined above.



F. M. Needham
 Programme Director.

PTR

19th August, 1960

Mr. A.L.H. Fleming,
Flemarie,
YALLAHS P.O.

Dear Sir,

We would like to record an interview with you for possible broadcast in our series "FORUM ON FEDERATION".

We shall be grateful if you will contact the undersigned or Mr. Merrick Needham by telephone to make final arrangements for a date when you can come to our studios to be interviewed by our News Commentator, Mr. Peter Abrahams.

Yours faithfully,

A.L.HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

A.H:pw

cc: Mr. Peter Abrahams ✓
P.D.

RTR file

19th August, 1960

Mr. Ramon Gordon,
UCWI Press Representative,
54 Caledonia Road,
MANDEVILLE.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 13th August, 1960, we would say that we are interested in recording for broadcast an interview with you and some of your fellow students on the subject of your tour of the Caribbean.

At the present time we are considering the possibility of having three or four of you interviewed by Mr. Peter Abrahams for our series - "FORUM ON FEDERATION". We should like to have the views of students on Federation and the Referendum to be taken in Jamaica. We should also like to have both male and female students on the broadcasts.

Would you be kind enough to telephone either the undersigned or Mr. Merrick Needham to make final arrangements for a date for you to come in to our studios so that the recording could be made.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

AHH:pw

cc: P.D.
Mr. Peter Abrahams. ✓

12th July, 1960

The Editor,
West Indian Sportsman,
Church Street,
KINGSTON.

Dear Sir,

At the request of Mr. Vincent McIntosh and with the consent of Mr. Peter Abrahams with whom the matter has been discussed, we are enclosing herewith copy of script broadcast on Saturday, 4th July, 1960 on the subject of the news blackout.

Mr. Abrahams and ourselves hereby give you permission to reprint all or any part of this commentary in the WEST INDIAN SPORTSMAN.

Yours faithfully,

b.
A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

ALH: pw
encl.

cc: Mr. P. Abrahams ✓
Mrs. B. Mair (for information)

Radio Jamaica and Rediffusion

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7th July, 1960
(dic. 6th July)

OUR REF.:

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Fine Arts Committee of the Caribbean and Central American 1962 Games Organization held yesterday it was agreed that I should write to those members of the Arts Advisory Council who had been appointed ^{to} form sub-committees to deal with various arts, and ask them if they would be kind enough to consult with their sub-committees and any other persons whom they feel could give valuable advice with a view to making detailed recommendations at the earliest opportunity as to how best the 1962 Games could incorporate displays and exhibitions of Art in the Festival.

These recommendations should be made through the Arts Advisory Council and reach that Council not later than July 25 for consideration at its next meeting on the 29th July.

For your guidance the following have so far been suggested in the various fields, but it is expected that you will only concern yourself with the Art for which you are a sub-committee member:-

1. LITERATURE:

- (a) An anthology to be prepared and published in time for display and sale at the Games.
- (b) Displays and exhibitions of books published by Jamaican and/or West Indian writers and any other material of interest - e.g. historical articles, etc.

2. DRAMA, DANCE, AND SPEECH:

- (a) Performance of plays and dance productions.
- (b) A special production of a new West Indian play for which submissions may be invited.

3. MUSIC:

- (a) The performance by Jamaicans and/or West Indians of musical works.
- (b) The performance of musical compositions by Jamaican and/or West Indian composers.

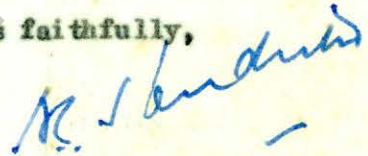
4. FINE ART & CRAFTS:

- (a) The execution of murals.
- (b) The display and exhibition of painting, sculpture, pottery and other crafts.

These are just the bare details of the idea. I shall be happy to give whatever assistance I can, personally, to you.

Your recommendations should, as far as possible, give a general indication of the costs involved.

Yours faithfully,



A.L. HENDRIKS.

DISTRIBUTION:

Mr. Ernest Brubridge, British Council
Mr. Peter Abrahams ✓
Mr. W. Pilgrim
Mr. R. Verity
Mr. Hugh Morrison
cc: Mr. A. Brown
Mr. Edna Hanley.
ALH:pw

KTR file

1st July, 1960.
(dic. 30th June)

Mr. Robert C. Lightbourne,
40a Mannings Hill Road,
KINGSTON 8.


Dear

Further to our telephone conversation this morning, I enclose herewith copy of the News Commentary of Monday, 27th June.

As discussed with you on the 'phone, you will see that the reference to you and other members of the J.L.P. is quite innocuous and merely serves to illustrate, for Jamaican listeners, the point that the Speaker of the Japanese House was nearly choked by opposition members. Naturally, in order to do so, our News Commentator used the names of opposition members in our House.

2. On a completely different subject, I should like to reiterate what I said on the 'phone this morning to the effect that we most sincerely hope that you and others who are anti-Federation will take part very soon in our FORUM ON FEDERATION series as it is intended to give all points of view and, at the moment, we are not hearing anything from your side with the exception of Morris Cargill. It is essential to the success of the FORUM that all the conflicting view points be expressed so that the people can be fully informed.

Yours sincerely,


A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

AH:pw
encl.

cc: Mr. Peter Abrahams ✓

21st June, 1960

Mr. Stanley Motta,
Messrs. Stanley Motta, Ltd.,
109 Harbour St.,
KINGSTON.

Dear

Although you will have left the Island by the time this note reaches your office, I should like to put on record that we will be happy to have you on FORUM ON FEDERATION when you return. Just give me a ring and we will try to fit you in.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

b
A. L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

ALL:pw

cc: Mr. Peter Abraham ✓

21st June, 1960

Hon. Wills O. Isaacs,
Ministry of Trade and Industry,
East Street,
KINGSTON.

Dear

The enclosed letter will, I hope, speak for itself, but I should like to add this personal invitation to you to open this fine series of programmes which Vic Reid will be doing for us.

2. On another subject, I do hope that you will take part in our FORUM ON FEDERATION very soon. Peter Abrahams will be contacting you about this.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


A.L. HENDRIKS

ALH:pw

cc: Mr. P. Abrahams }
Mr. Vic Reid } for information
P.D. }

21st June, 1960

Mr. T.E. Sealy, C.B.E.,
Editor,
The Daily Gleaner,
Harbour St.,
Kingston.

Dear

Further to our conversation last night, I would like to remind you that we would like to have you on our FORUM ON FEDERATION and whenever you are ready please give either Peter Abrahams or myself a ring and let us record you for posterity!

Yours sincerely,



A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

AIH:pw

cc: Mr. Peter Abrahams ✓

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OUR REF.:

21st June, 1960

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

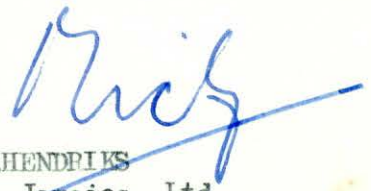
Dear *Pete*

Enclosed herewith you will find two requests for "appearances".

I agree with Merrick's comment in each case that we should put them on, but I am leaving it to you to decide whether Fleming should go on "VIEWS OF THE NEWS", or "FORUM ON FEDERATION".

The Political Academy people are definitely FORUM material, but it seems to me that Fleming would be more suitable for "VIEWS OF THE NEWS" in due course.

Yours sincerely,



A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

AH:pw
encls.

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June 21st. 1960.

OUR REF.:

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
C/O The West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear *Peter*

News Commentary.

Just a note for the record to the effect that you agree that we may send copies of your commentary to Commodity Service Co. Ltd., the sponsors, and that they may copy them and distribute them, within reason, to listeners who write in and ask for copies of specific commentaries.

It is clearly understood however that under no circumstances will whole-sale distribution be made and no one shall be put on a mailing list to get copies regularly as it is essential that the public listen to the commentaries and not be able to get them in printed form regularly.

By the same token we agree that we have no objection to the occasional republication of some of the commentaries in any magazine or newspaper provided a) suitable acknowledgment is made at the top of the reprinted article to the effect that the commentary was first published on RJR, and b) that the republication is confined to a few specific commentaries occasionally and in no way becomes general republication as this would of course tend to defeat the purpose of the broadcasts.

I am sure you will agree that anything which stimulates people to listen to the programme is beneficial and therefore occasional republication and occasional supply of a reprinted commentary will be beneficial but wholesale republication or distribution of the commentaries would work in exactly the opposite direction and must not be done.

We are sending a copy of this note to Commodity Service Co. so as to keep them fully in the picture. I have already discussed the whole matter at length with Mrs. Mair.

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OUR REF.:

I shall be most grateful if you will scrawl your signature at the bottom of the copy of this letter and return it to me as your agreement to the foregoing, with no extra fees involved.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,


A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

ALH/kd
c.c. Commodity Service

I AGREE TO THE FOREGOING:

Signature:

Date:

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OUR REF.:

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear *Peter*

Enclosed is a small token
of our appreciation for the help you gave
us by taking part in the programme "Folio"
on June 5th.....

Yours sincerely,

Ricky

A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Ja maica Ltd.

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June 9th. 1960.

OUR REF.:

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
Kingston.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

We are in the process of negotiating with our clients, Commodity Service Co. (Jamaica) Ltd. to sponsor a ten-minute programme of views of the news to be broadcast on Sundays between 1.05 and 1.15p.m. for the period June 26th. 1960 to June 18th. 1961, and we would like to secure your services as Script-writer and Commentator. The programme content should not exceed nine minutes of broadcasting time, and should not be less than eight and one-half minutes. More than one subject may be covered in each programme, which should include conducted interviews with people in the news.

The proposal is that you should be paid a fee of £8.8.0. in respect of each broadcast; and that you should prepare and submit the scripts for these broadcasts during the period mentioned above at least 24 hours in advance of the time of broadcast.

The Company shall have the right to record any script for broadcast and there shall be no additional fee payable in respect of making any recording.

The Company shall have the right to reject, edit, or alter any script. Each script shall be broadcast once only and you are to supply a new script for each broadcast.

If you would be willing to accept this offer please be kind enough to sign the enclosed duplicate copy of this letter as an indication of your willingness.

This agreement is terminable on one week's notice in writing on either side.

In the event of our concluding negotiations with our clients on this basis, this letter will then be considered a binding contract between this Company and yourself for you to prepare and submit and present the programme as set out above.

Yours sincerely,

A.L. Hendriks
A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

Conditions herein accepted:

Signature:

Date:

ALH/kd
C.C. P.D. C.A.

11th May, 1960

Mr. Micky Hendriks,
Radio Jamaica Ltd.,
P.O. Box 23,
Kingston 5.

Dear Micky,

Thank you for your letter of April 29, informing us that you are receiving a definite response to the Peter Abrahams' News Commentary. You further state that listeners are asking for copies of these commentaries.

We would be pleased to receive copies of all scripts after broadcasts, which we will then have mimeographed to send out when requested. Therefore, if you would be good enough to proceed with your suggestion that Peter Abrahams notify the public in one of his commentaries that these scripts be available on request, this request could be made to the Matalon Group of Companies, c/o Radio Jamaica or P.O. Box 4, Kingston.

We thank you very much for your interest and we should like to re-affirm the gratitude of ourselves and our sponsors for the splendid job Peter Abrahams is doing.

Kind regards.

Yours very truly,
ART & PUBLICITY LIMITED


E. G. STEWART
Managing Director.

EGS/MB

cc: Mr. Peter Abrahams, R.J.R.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

U. S. INFORMATION SERVICE

BF 22/7
phone Mr. Dodge to
make arrangements 15 call

American Consulate General,
P. O. Box 107,
Kingston, Jamaica,
May 5, 1960.

Mr. Merrick Needham,
Radio Jamaica & Rediffusion,
32 Lyndhurst Road,
Kingston 5.

② *Depends on the man - might get a
very good interview. Why not meet him
& then decide? U.S.*
① *M.B. I think news only - do you
agree? ↓*

Dear Merrick:

Will you let me know if you would like to use Dr. Calderwood,
and if so, how and when?

Sincerely yours,

Philip Hodge

Philip G. Hodge
Public Affairs Officer

③ *S.M. Might Peter
A. be interested
in this chap for
"Views of the News"?
If he is I'll tell
Philip that Peter
will contact him
on (say) Monday*

encl:

phone

*Mr. Abrahamson -
would you be interested
in Dr. C for either
"Views" or "Forum" or
both? ↓ 23/7*

↓ 22/7

UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE
American Consulate General
Kingston, Jamaica

May 4, 1960

We are expecting that Dr. James D. Calderwood will be in Jamaica from July 25 to August 4, 1960.

Dr. Calderwood is a specialist in international economic relations and has done considerable research and writing on subjects relating to common markets, economic development and regional economic integration. Born in England, he has an honours degree from London School of Economics and has done graduate work in Geneva, Brookings Institution (Washington D.C.), and Ohio State University. He has been Professor of Economics at Claremont Graduate School, California, but is transferring this autumn to the University of Southern California, as Chairman of the School of Business Administration. He is Foreign Market Consultant to Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and West Coast Representative for Joint Council on Economic Education.

Plans for Dr. Calderwood's visit have been discussed with Professor H. Dudley Huggins, Director, Institute of Social and Economic Research, University College of the West Indies; Mr. Rex Nettleford, Resident Tutor of Extra Mural Studies, University College of the West Indies; and Mr. P.C.C. Evans, Consultant, Ministry of Education.

The plans include:

- (a) A short seminar for Extra-Mural teachers in Economics:
- (b) Lectures to the Teacher Training Centres:
- (c) One or two public lectures which would form a part of the activities in either a. or b., or both

8th April, 1960.

Hon. E.R. Richardson,
Financial Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
24 East Race Course,
Kingston 4.

Dear

We have been asked by the Kenya Broadcasting Service to prepare four programmes for them. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of their request.

After discussing the matter we have decided to invite Mr. Peter Abrahams to act as Chairman on all four programmes. We have also decided, after discussion with Mr. Abrahams, that the programmes should take the form of discussions with individuals representing the two political viewpoints in this country and an individual representing the administrative side.

Our hope is that the following will participate:

Hon. N.W. Manley - representing the point of view
of the People's National Party

Mr. Donald Sangster - representing the point of view
of the Jamaica Labour Party


Hon. E.R. Richardson - representing the Civil Service
Financial Secretary Administration.

We hope that you will agree to participate in this series of talks which are of particular importance to the establishment of Parliamentary democracy in Kenya. If you are unable to participate in this series of programmes we shall be grateful if you will propose a substitute but we do hope that you will be able to find time to participate yourself.

We may mention that if this series is as successful as we expect it to be when we record the programmes that they can be broadcast here in Jamaica as well.

As we should like to record the series of programmes during April, perhaps you would be kind enough to indicate when Mr. Abrahams and the undersigned could have a preliminary discussion with you about it. It would be easiest if either you or your secretary could phone me at 68151 to fix an appointment for us to come and see you.

Yours faithfully,


A.L. HENDRIKS,
Radio Jamaica Limited.

ALH/dw
c.c. Mr. Abrahams. ✓

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The recent Constitutional Conference in London on the next stage of Kenya's progress towards independence has presented the Kenya Broadcasting Service with the very important duty of presenting to its listeners, particularly its African listeners, the real meaning and implications of independence under a democratic government.

We have already embarked on a series of talks, discussions, and simple feature programmes explaining, not only the implications of the decisions taken at the Constitutional Conference in London, but also outlining the historical development of democracy from the earliest times and the contributions made by individuals down the years to the cause of democracy.

To complete our picture we are very anxious to include a series of programmes from independent countries within the Commonwealth, not only those which have reached this status in recent years, but equally those of long standing.

I am writing therefore to enquire whether you would be able to assist us in this extremely important task with which we are faced in Kenya at the present time.

There are four aspects we would like to cover from each country. They are:-

- (i) The contribution made by British Colonial Administration in setting your country on the progressive road to independence.
- (ii) How democracy works in your country to-day.
- (iii) The influence of democratic practice on the future of your country.
- (iv) The advantages of being within the Commonwealth.

Richardson

Wanley

Sanger.

We are thinking in terms of four 15 - minute programmes, either talks or simple features, but we would naturally leave it to you if you were able to assist us in this project to decide how best to convey your own message.

We would like the programmes to be in English, but of a simplicity which would enable them to be understood by the African audience to whom they would be particularly aimed. We would hope to broadcast them not only in English but, with your permission, to translate and produce them in the many African vernaculars in which we broadcast. For that reason it would be extremely useful if you could enclose copies of the scripts with the recordings.

/If

If you use actuality in any of the programmes, it would be appreciated if we could have separate clean bands of the actuality for use in the translated versions. We would appreciate, for preference, recordings on standard tape at $7\frac{1}{2}$ " per second.

I hope you will not consider that this request is preying on your goodwill. We ourselves do feel that it is of the utmost importance, if this country is to develop within the new Constitution, that every effort should be made to awaken our audience to the values of true democratic institutions.

Although our financial resources are limited we shall, of course, expect to meet expenses incurred by you in the preparation of this material.

(Patrick Jubb)
Director of Broadcasting

W. MacLure, Esq.,
Director,
Radio Jamaica Ltd.,
32 Lyndhurst Road,
Cross Roads,
KINGSTON, 5,
Jamaica, B.W.I.

March 31st.1960.

Mr. Donald Sangster,
115 Duke Street,
Kingston.

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Chief Secretary

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Yours faithfully,

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A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

ALH/kd
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Radio Jamaica Ltd.

ALH/kd
c.c. Mr. P. Abrahams

March 31st. 1960.

The Premier,
Hon. N.W. Manley, Q.C., M.M.
Chief Minister's Office,
24 East Race Course,
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of the People's National Party.

Mr. Donald Sangster- representing the point of view
of the Jamaica Labour Party

Mr. H.L. Lindo - representing Colonial Administra-
Chief Secretary tion.

We hope that you will agree to participate in this series of talks which are of particular importance to the establishment of Parliamentary democracy in Kenya. If you are unable to participate in this series of programmes we shall be grateful if you will propose a substitute but we do hope that you will be able to find time to participate yourself.

We may mention that if this series is as successful as we expect it to be when we record the programmes that they can be broadcast here in Jamaica as well.

As we should like to record the series of programmes during April, perhaps you would be kind enough to indicate when Mr. Abrahams and the undersigned could have a preliminary discussion with you about it. It would be easiest if either you or your secretary could phone me at 68151 to fix an appointment for us to come and see you.

Yours faithfully,

A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

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c.c. Mr. P. Abrahams

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February 24th. 1960.

OUR REF.:

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

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

We are in the process of negotiating with our clients, Commodity Service. Co. (Jamaica) Ltd. for them to sponsor a five-minute programme of comment on the news to be entitled "NEWS COMMENTARY" to be broadcast daily, Mondays through Saturdays, between 6.15 and 6.20p.m. for the period 29th. February 1960, to 25th. February, 1961, and we would like to secure your services as writer and announcer of the NEWS COMMENTARY. Commentaries should not exceed four minutes of broadcasting time, and should not be less than three and one-half minutes. More than one subject may be covered in each commentary.

The proposal is that you should be paid a fee of £4.4.0 in respect of each broadcast; and that you should prepare and submit the scripts for these broadcasts during the period mentioned above at least 24 hours in advance of the time of broadcast.

The Company shall have the right to record any script for broadcast and there shall be no additional fee payable in respect of making any recording.

The Company shall have the right to reject, edit or alter any script. Each script shall be broadcast once only and you are to supply a new script for each broadcast.

If you would be willing to accept this offer please be kind enough to sign the enclosed duplicate copy of this letter as an indication of your willingness.

This agreement is terminable on one week's notice in writing on either side.

In the event of our concluding negotiations with our clients on this basis, this letter will then be considered a binding contract between this Company and yourself for you to prepare and submit and announce the commentary as set out above.

Yours sincerely,

A.L. Hendriks
A.L. HENDRIKS
Radio Jamaica Ltd.

Conditions herein accepted:
Signature:
Date:

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OUR REF.:

Mr. Peter Abrahams,
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164 Harbour Street,
KINGSTON.

Dear *Peter*

Further to my letter of the 3rd. February, I am enclosing herewith a new letter of agreement as the sponsors have decided not to run the programme 7 days a week but only 6 days - Mondays through Saturdays, at the present time.

The sponsors have reserved the right to extend it to the seventh day at any time but for the present the commentary will not be broadcast on Sundays.

We shall be grateful if you will sign and return the copy of the enclosed letter to replace the original that you signed.

I understand that you will be back from Puerto Rico day after tomorrow and I hope that you will contact us as early as possible after your arrival as the first commentary is scheduled for broadcast on Monday.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

Nick
A.L. HENDRIKS
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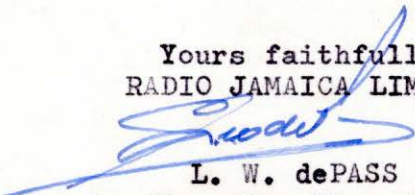
Dear Sirs,

Please enter renewal subscription
to your magazine for a period of one year.

Our cheque in the sum of One
Pound is enclosed herewith to cover cost.

Your circular letter of 3rd
instant refers.

Yours faithfully,
RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED


L. W. dePASS
for Managing Director.

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Chq coming

February 9th.1960.
9a.m. RJR time

Mrs. H. V. Ormsby Marshall,
7 Linstone Crescent
Kingston 10.

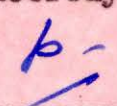
Dear Mrs. Marshall,

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I enclose herewith proposal form for Peter Abrahams to become a member of the Jamaica Center of the International PEN Club.

I shall be most grateful if you will put forward this proposal at the earliest opportunity and let me and Peter know that he is a member of our Center.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


A.L. HENDRIKS

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ALH/kd
c.c. Mr. Peter Abrahams.

9th February 1960.

Mr. A.L. Hendricks,
Radio Jamaica & Rediffusion,
32 Lyndhurst Road,
Kingston 5.

Dear Mickey;

Herewith copy of your
letter/contract duly signed. I plan to
be back on the 27th and will get crack-
ing straight away in what I hope will
be a mutually beneficial venture.

Yours sincerely,

EX.
for Peter Abrahams.

PA:ehk

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3rd February, 1960

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West Indian Economist,
164 Harbour Street,
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Conditions herein accepted:
Signature:.....

cc: P.D., C.A. Date:

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November 25th. 1959.

OUR REF.:

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

Personal

Dear *Peter*

Four quick points:

1) I am enclosing herewith a proposal form for the Jamaica Branch of the P.E.N. Club. I understand that you are a member of the English P.E.N. but so far you have not joined the Jamaica centre. I should be delighted to have the honour of proposing you if you would be good enough to fill out the enclosed form.

2. I listened to the tape that you and H.P. and Elsie did with Peggy Samuel. It has a lot of shortcomings and I thought H.P. was particularly weak. There is also the problem of finding a sponsor. Have you any ideas on this subject?

3. I get the impression from the article on Radio in your November issue that the writer has spent more time listening to J.B.C. and thinking of its approach to life than he has to R.J.R. Perhaps sometime the writer could have a chat with myself and our Programme Director and find out a bit about our approach to broadcasting. We are not quite so "materialistic" as your writer makes out.

4. I forgot to mention when confirming our date for 7p.m. on Saturday at the Continental that after dinner we will all go on to our home for cheese and coffee.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

Rich
A. L. HENDRIKS

*I believe we meet
this afternoon for
the Fine Arts Sub-committee of the James (1962) effort.*