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Dear 

I hope you are well, and please accept my best wishes for your personal well-being. The Lord above continues to keep me in good health, despite innumerable hurdles.

Sixteen years ago I set up a Grammar or High School in Malawi which is called Kamuzu Academy. I have kept my interest in ensuring the bright future for some of the most capable students by guaranteeing their access to the best and solid education through this institution. If you had ever come to this country you would have been pleasantly surprised at the standards maintained there. I enclose herewith a brochure of the Academy which, in my view, does not do any justice to the whole campus.

You may recall that I had also established Press Trust for national benefit purposes, to which I had transferred all assets of Press Corporation, representing 20% of G.D.P in 1993.

Unfortunately the new Government, through an act of Parliament, which is being challenged in our courts, has taken control and ownership of Press Trust. They have also cut off funding for Kamuzu Academy leaving the school in great financial crisis with a serious threat to its continued survival. My own resources are unable to sustain the required expenditure.

The bright future of many innocent, most capable students of all classes and creed irrespective of their political inclinations has now been greatly jeopardized through no fault of theirs, or of those that are responsible for the Academy's welfare. This is a national tragedy because the outstanding academic potential of Kamuzu Academy's students can be seen from their impressive pass

rate of 97.5% at last years' G.C.E "A" Level examinations. This is an internationally administered examination, and I am told that this pass rate is the highest achieved by any school internationally.

Kamuzu Academy has also produced many students who have gone on to become Doctors, Engineers, Architects, Accountants and other professionals. They have returned to contribute to the development of this country. I have enclosed the latest information brochure which you may find of interest.

As mentioned the costs of education at this school have been previously subsidized heavily through me to ensure that every capable student has access to higher education. Recent events have resulted in the depletion of my own resources.

It is against this background that I am writing to appeal to you and through you to your friends for assistance in the form of donations possibly from Foundations established for that purpose, so that the Kamuzu Academy survives during this difficult transition period. The plans and projections are that the school should be self financing by 1999, but the immediate requirement until then is about 1 million dollars.

The nation, as well as the students in particular, will be grateful to you for any assistance you can give to keep Kamuzu Academy from closing down. Anonymity regarding these donations may be maintained if the donor desires it, otherwise such donations will be given due public acknowledgement by the school.

Since its inception the Academy accounts have been audited by an international firm of K.P.M.G who ensure that the financial statements are prepared according to the general accepted accounting and auditing standards.

Please feel free to send any such donations to my address as stated above, or send them directly to:

The Academy,
C/o K.P.M.G,
P.O Box 508,
Blantyre,
Malawi,
Central Africa.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Kamuzu Banda', written in a cursive style.

DR. H. KAMUZU BANDA