

6th December, 1971.

Mrs. La Verne Brown Delgado,
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Dear Mrs. Delgado,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 30th of September this year. It was very kind of you to write, and I was very glad to hear from you.

But you put me in a quandary or a difficult position because you do not give your maiden name. Therefore, it is difficult for me to trace you.

As you rightly say, I graduated from Wilberforce Academy in 1928. There were a number of boys and girls in my class. Among the girls were, Juanitta McQueen, Anna Shields, Margaret Mason and others. Juanitta McQueen and Anna Shields were Americans whereas Margaret Mason was a girl from Liberia, West Africa. Among the boys that I remember most is Raven F. Boyd.

Raven F. Boyd, Juanitta McQueen, Margaret Mason and I graduated in 1928. Anna Shields, I think, graduated a year later. What year did you graduate from Wilberforce Academy and what was your maiden name?

Having said that, I am very very glad to hear from you after so many, many years. The letter you wrote me while I was in prison did not reach me. This I can understand, because all the letters that were written to me while I was in prison were not allowed to reach me. They were confiscated by the then Government.

I am glad you like what you read in the papers about my visit to South Africa. As you may know, I am a lone wolf. Many African leaders do not agree with me. They say force is the only solution to the problem of Black and White in Southern Africa. I take the opposite view. I hold the view that the solution is not war but discussion between the African leaders and the White leaders in Southern Africa. War has never solved any problem. Force has never solved any problem anywhere in the world.

That is why I reject the doctrine preached by the Organisation of African Unity that we must have nothing to do with White leaders in South Africa, Rhodesia and Mozambique. I believe in contact and discussion between Black leaders and White leaders in Africa. That was why I went to South Africa.

Now having gone to South Africa, I am glad I went there. Because both the Black people and the White people in South Africa were very glad to see me there. I was received with great enthusiasm by both the Black people and the White people of South Africa. And since my return from South Africa, I have received many, many letters from all over the world, congratulating me. This is one of the reasons why I am very happy to hear from you on the subject. I believe in peaceful co-existence among all people of the world and among people of all races.

Yes, we have representatives in the United Nations. Our chief representative is Mr. Nyemba Mbekeani. You are at liberty to contact him any time you can, in New York.

On literature, I suggest that you contact our Mission either in New York or in Washington. You will be able to get the information you want of this country from them.

Yours sincerely,

H. KAMUZU BANDA

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI