

26th January, 1970.

Sir Glyn Jones,
Malawi Buying and Trade Agents,
Abbey House,
6 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir Glyn,

Thank you very much for both of your letters, one written on the 7th and the other on the 15th. I was very glad to hear from you on both of the subjects you wrote.

I will not comment on the subject of the affairs of the Malawi Buying and Trade Agents at the moment. As you know, you have a man here now from the office there and you have sent a memorandum, I understand, to Mr. Roberts. I have to study the memorandum first and hear what Mr. Roberts himself has to say before I form my own opinion and comment.

I think it is a good thing that a man from that office there should visit this country, as frequently as possible, once in six months, if not in three or four months time. In this way, those interested in buying things or goods abroad will know the Agency much better than they do now.

I was interested to read about a Burmese by the name of U. Ba Han. If the gentleman is interested in Malawi, I think the best thing for you to do is to advise him to come here at his own expenses so that he can tell us here what he has in mind and how he proposes to finance what he has in mind.

I am a little chary of dealing with Asians, whether Indians, Burmese or others, in business. They are not often reliable, at least so has been my experience with Indians. However, as I have said above, the best thing for you to do in the case of Mr. Ba Han is to send him here at his own expenses, so that he can tell us what he has in mind.

I hope you are making me a copy of your notes which you kept while you were here. I am interested in those notes you kept in which I am involved.

For example, I would like to see what you have on the first day we met in Gwelo; on the day I came to see you and you agreed to release the detainees in October 1960; our meeting with Mr. Maudling, Mr. Duncan Sandys and Mr. Butler. In the case of Mr. Butler, when he first came here in May 1962; when we saw him in London in July 1962; when we saw him again in November 1962 when he agreed to allow Nyasaland to secede from the Federation and promised to make a statement in Parliament to that effect; and finally, when you and I saw him in September 1963 and he agreed to 6th July 1964 being the date for Nyasaland's independence.

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In 1964, the Independence Ceremony; what the Duke of Edinburgh did and said at the Ceremony at the Stadium and in Parliament and his speech at the Luncheon at St. Andrews School and then anything you can remember on the so-called Cabinet Crisis.

These are some of the notes on which I would like you to make copies so that I can check with my memory.

Before I close, I understand Lis is getting married some time in the Spring. Could you kindly give me the exact date of the wedding!

I hope you, Lady Jones and Lis had a good Christmas and a truly happy New Year.

Please remember me to Lady Jones and Lis.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

H. KAMUZU BANDA.