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Dear Mr. Menzies,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 6th of December. I was very glad to hear from you.

I am glad you have already met the Prime Minister, Dr. Busia as well as Dr. Owusu, Minister of External Affairs. As I mentioned when you were about to leave here, I know of both Dr. Busia and Dr. Owusu. But I have never met them personally. Because I was a personal friend of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah and they were his bitterest political opponents, we naturally moved in different circles. They avoided me and I did not make any attempt to impose myself on them. Therefore, that Dr. Busia asked a number of questions but made no substantive comments is no surprise to me.

On the question of Malawi sending officials to Ghana or Mr. Boateng coming here, I would rather Mr. Boateng come here than send an official to Ghana from here. You may, therefore, tell Mr. Boateng that I would like him to visit us here. He could come here either in May or July. In May, to join us on the Celebrations on the 14th and in July on the 6th. But he is not restricted to these two months, May and July. He could come in any month convenient to him.

I entirely agree with the sentiment expressed in the last paragraph of page 2 of your letter. In this respect, I was rather disappointed with the statement made by the Secretary-General, U. Thant, if newspapers and radio commentators quoted him correctly. It seemed to me as though the transfer of a certain individual from his office did not make much difference. He is still speaking the same language on the African problem.

Yes, I know Mr. A.K. Deku. He was a Police Officer in charge of Special Branch when I was in Kumasi. Though he was a Police Officer who shared the opposition's view politically, he and I used to chat on the politics of those days in Ghana. So please, in turn, give him my regards.

I hope you, Mrs. Menzies and the boy had a truly Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Please let me hear from you again any time you can manage.

With kindest regards to yourself, Mrs. Menzies and the boy.

Yours sincerely,

H. KAMUZU BANDA.