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Dear Professor Liebenow,

I am taking the liberty of writing at this juncture, at the suggestion of Professor Lewis Hoskins with whom I had some contact this summer, both during the visit of his team here, and again in Nairobi where I was subsequently engaged on some research. I am, I should say, writing at this particular time in the light of the imminence of the ASA Conference which circumstances make it impossible for me to attend.

As I hope to return to the States to teach either next year or the year after, I thought it best to make my availability known. If therefore, you should hear of any vacancies for an East & Central African historian, you might be so kind as to put me in touch with the Universities concerned.

I am quite content here at present, and while I am as yet only committed for the remainder of this academic year, the University is quite keen for me to extend for a third year. Considering the research opportunities available, and the many satisfactions involved in being in at the early stages of a new university, the prospect is appealing. However, I shall wish to return to the States at any rate for 1968/69, and if the right opening were to present itself for 1967/68, I should very much regret missing the opportunity to apply.

To give a brief summary of my background: Following two years at Middlebury College in Vermont, majoring in History, I spent four years at the University of Edinburgh, taking an Honours M.A. in History in 1960 having spent the last year specializing in East and Central African History under Professor George Shepperson.

For the next four years I traveled widely, partially in Africa, and at various times held positions as Press Officer for Ghana at U.N. Headquarters in New York, and Senior Researcher at the Library of Congress with responsibility for African Government Publications. I also spent a short interval teaching History at a Senior Secondary School here in Malawi prior to independence.

Following my marriage in 1964 (to the former Marion Dinstel, for five years Librarian at the Africa Studies Program at Boston University and Secretary to the ASA Library Committee) I elected to enter the field of University teaching and was accepted as a Ph.D. candidate by Professor Shepperson. Soon after our return to Edinburgh, I applied for a Lectureship in History here, was accepted, and arrived in August last year.

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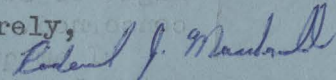
Since then I have had the opportunity to participate in a number of aspects of the University's development, serving as an elected member of Senate, the University's senior academic body, as Secretary of the History Subject Board and as a member of the executive committees of both the Senior Staff Association and the Senior Common Room Association.

This year I am responsible for the organization and teaching of the first year History course; "Malawi and Her Neighbors," in addition to spot lectures in other courses.

As regards my main research, I am preparing a doctoral dissertation on "A History of African Education in Malawi; 1875-1953," and am currently engaged in writing a first draft following a year's research here both in the field obtaining oral evidence, and at the National Archives and elsewhere examining documentary materials.

I need scarcely say that any advice you might be in a position to offer would be most welcome. Best wishes for a very successful conference. I have seen the list of papers to be delivered and look forward to their publication in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

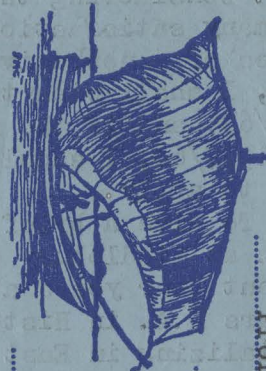


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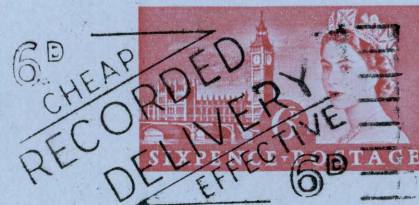
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27 May 1964.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

About a year ago you were kind enough to invite me to visit the Africa Program at Indiana University. I am sorry I was unable to do this at the time. I will, however, be in the United States, either towards the end of November this year, or in early January 1965, and would very much like to see your courses in action and perhaps give a lecture or a seminar.

I realize, of course, this may not fit in with your current plans for visiting lecturers at all. But if it could be arranged, I would be happy to offer something on French or British West Africa, from a historian's point of view.

Yours sincerely,

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