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Dear Mrs. Kochiyama:

I received your letter and the gift enclosed with deep gratitude and much satisfaction. It is good to learn that I am not in an isolated school of thought. You have my full permission to reprint my article and distribute it to as many oppressed people of all shades as possible. I made attempts to distribute copies of the article to the oppressors, but it was most unwelcome. I had hoped it would be salutary.

I would very much appreciate it if you could reprint it because I do not have any more copies left. Unfortunately the stencils were destroyed accidentally and funds and time are rather limited for me to cut new stencils. I am glad you introduced the article to fellow-travellers: All Haynes, Dan Watts of Liberator, Soul Book, Black Dialogue and Black America.

There is only one qualification in reprinting material. The organization I work for may take steps which cut down upon the ability to help African students, who are already having difficulty completing their education here, if my name is used in some of these publications. So that excerpts used anonymously might help to protect them from this kind of action.

My primary intentions, as you might have discerned in the article, are to re-awaken the Blackman, especially the bourgeoisie who have absolute faith in this corrupt imperialist system. I want to see the Blackman, specifically the so-called educated African start to think for himself and about Africa. We can no longer continue to hero-worship some of our African or Black leaders who are now the pawns of the Imperialists, both Red and White. Critical and progressive thinking is a must.

Yes, it is true, I am the so-called famed Harvard track-star. Athletics is my favorite hobby, but in this country people tend to magnify it into disproportionate magnitude. I have participated in two Olympiads, both in Rome 1960 and Tokyo 1964 as a sprinter and hurdler. I have also participated in several international track meets successfully. I happen to be the holder of several so-called American intercollegiate and Ivy league records. However, that is still of no primary consequence to me. It is a plain hobby.

I graduated from Harvard last year, '65, in Political Science after a stormy academic year. I was the subject of frequent and vigorous FBI investigations. My activities in student organizations and writings aroused their interest. I herewith enclose a newspaper clipping to give you the remotest idea of what happened. I would appreciate it, if you could photostat it and return the original to me soon. I could also send you a copy of the original letter that stirred the storm, if you wanted.



Ann Shelton is my colleague. I'm glad to know you are friends. I respect her views, and I hope there are more people of her school of thought. If you know what she is doing, then you know what I am doing. My home country is Uganda in East Africa, and my wife is from Liberia. We have twin boys.

I hope to see you one of these days in New York.

Sincerely,

Aggrey Awori