

Monday August 1, 2016

The Honorable John B. King Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary John B. King Jr:
My name is Anthony "Amp" Elmore I live in Memphis, Tennessee. I am directly mailing this letter to you and I am asking our beloved Congressman Steve Cohen to forward this communication to your office.

On August 15, 1956 a 26 year old African by the name of Thomas Joseph Mboya came to America from then; "British East Africa."

Mr. Mboya's trip was sponsored by an American Civil Rights organization founded in 1953 called "ACOA or American Committee on Africa." President Obama is a child of the "Civil Rights" movement and this history should be corrected.

British East Africa which later became known as Kenya was an "Oppressive British Colony" whereas an education in America of an African was not recognized by the British Government. Mr. Tom Mboya was invited to America to inform Americans regarding the conditions of Africans in East Africa. Tom Mboya who was colorful, articulate and a visionary with a vision of a free Africa. He understood if Africans were to be free they would need to be educated in order to manage their country.

Tom Mboya while speaking at colleges asked college Presidents to award scholarships to African students. While the African students had scholarships they needed air transportation and sponsorship in America. An American industrialist by the name of William X Scheinman sponsored many African students starting in 1956. In 1959 it became practical to charter an entire airplane to bring African students to America. An organization was formed called "African American Student Foundation." Singer Harry Belafonte, Baseball Great Jackie Robinson, and actor Sydney Pointier lent their names on a letter whereas many African/Americans contributed \$1.00 \$2.00 and what they could to help African students get an education in America. In September of 1959 the 1st group of Africans arrived in America. Records show Jackie Robinson, Malcolm X, Lorraine Hansberry and others encouraging these African Students.

Dr. Martin Luther King sponsored African students. In 1959 two Americans sponsored a Kenyan by the name of Barack Obama Sr. to travel to school in Hawaii, The African/American student foundation offered support to Mr. Obama. Black America supported Tom Mboya's efforts. Tom Mboya Marched with Dr. King in April of 1959. Mboya was featured on the cover of Jet Magazine in April of 1959. In May of 1959 Howard University awarded Tom Mboya an honorary doctorate degree.

In 1960 the African American Student foundation had scholarships and arrangements for another chartered flight to America but no money. Vice President Nixon asked the U.S. State Department to assist and the request was denied. The group asked Mboya to rush to America to ask then Democratic nominee John F. Kennedy for the money. On July 26, 1960 Tom Mboya met with then Senator John F. Kennedy and their meeting lead to events that would change history in America.

Senator Kennedy agreed for the Kennedy foundation to give \$15,000.00 and he asked his brother in law Sargent Shriver to get other foundations to support air transportation for the African Students. When it was learned that no other foundations would help sponsor African Students Kennedy offered to sponsor the entire trip via \$100, 000.00 provided the donation be kept quiet. Word leaked that Kennedy was sponsoring Kenyan students and he was accused trying to buy the 1960 Presidential election.

When Vice President Richard Nixon learned that Kennedy was providing 100,000.00 Vice President Nixon pressured the State department to provide the money. The event sparked a Senatorial inquiry and it was learned that Kennedy only agreed to sponsor the Africans after the State Department and no American sponsors would help the African Student get to America and take advantage of their scholarships. Nixon asked group to turn down the State Department grant, the group went with the Kennedy foundation grant.

In September of 1960 the African students arrived in America and they paid a visit the office of Senator John F. Kennedy. The image of John F. Kennedy with African students softened Kennedy's image with "Black Americans." The image of Kennedy with African students helped Blacks to embrace Kennedy in 1960. It was the new Black vote that propelled Kennedy to win the 1960 election.

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Secretary of Education John King. I was a community organizer and student activist in high school in Memphis in 1971 and we never learned anything in history in regards to Kenya leader Tom Mboya.

It was only after the election of President Barack Obama Jr. on November 8, 2008 that we learn only fragments of the story of Thomas Joseph Mboya. The facts are clear it is not only because of the efforts of Tom Mboya that we have a President Barack Obama Jr. President Barack Obama Jr. represents the spirit of Tom Mboya. President Barack of Obama is a 21 century Tom Mboya.

On Saturday August 13, 2016 we are honoring the “Obama Legacy via celebrating Tom Mboya’s 60th. “ Our goal is to bring “Formal Recognition” to the efforts of Tom Mboya and mark “August 15, 1956” as the start of the “Obama legacy.” You are the United States Secretary of Education and we ask that you join us in not only recognizing the great legacy and history of our beloved President Barack Obama Jr whose legacy starts with Tom Mboya coming to American on August 15, 1956. We want to develop formal partnerships between the Kenya education system and our American education system.



I am a 5 time World Karate/Kickboxing Champion who wrote, produced and directed a semi-Autobiographical film called the “Contemporary Gladiator.” Our film premiered in Nairobi, Kenya in July of 1990. We took groups to Kenya for over a decade. We did trade in Kenya, promoted events and in 1995 I married a Kenyan woman, while we are no longer married we have a son who is 1/2 Kenyan like President Obama. We met Kenya President Daniel Arap Moi in 1992, he called me an “African Ambassador.”

We believe the greatest education we can give our youth is to let them see 1st hand. It is one thing to read about the “Barack Obama cultural Heritage and another thing to take youth to Kenya and see 1st hand. Our Memphis Congressman Steve Cohen, Mayor A.C. Wharton, Tennessee State Senator Reginald Tate wrote a letter to Kenya Ambassador Robinson Njeru Githae asking that we meet with Kenya President Uhuru Kenyatta and discuss ways to build a better Kenya and America. We met with a Kenya embassy representative on April 7, 2016. Congressman Cohen wrote another letter on our behalf on July 20, 2016.

We ask the United State Department of Education officially recognize the “Tom Mboya Legacy” as a part of our “American history.” Our aim is to use the Barack Obama legacy as a means to develop and build a “cultural pathway” that connects America to Africa. Education is a way to bridge cultures, nations and people. We ask that the United State Department of Education join in on our behalf using education as a means of bridging the cultural divide between America and Africa. We know both Kenya and America and a way to bring our families together expediently. It will take 3 years to develop the infrastructure suitable to bring our youth to Kenya. Once such systems are in place such travel would greatly improve the education of our youth and nations.

Sincerely,

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