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Dear Mr. Livingstone,

I have very much wanted to further my studies in America, but due to financial inability I have not been able to achieve this. I have tried to inquire as to who would be contacted in this respect and as to who would help me achieve this, but I have been directed no where except to you as the only possible person who could do something for me by way of scholarship and travel.

This has therefore prompted me, Sir, to write this letter to you asking for your advise in the matter and if you would be kind to offer me any assistance you may deem fit in the matter of scholarship or in the matter of travel to America.

I have written to several institutions in America and have had replies from some of them and I do hope that through your assistance I will be able to meet my fares and if possible scholarship enabling me go to America for further studies.

Please advise me whether you would help me in any way in case I got a college where I could go to in the matter of scholarship. Also I would like you to advise me whether you would find your way to assisting me a bout scholarship enabling me to go.

It has been my long cherished ambition to further my studies especially in America and therefore any slight assistance which you would be kind enough to offer me with regard to this would very much be appreciated. I would have furthered my studies locally had/been that there were any colleges or Universities in our country Kenya, but due to the fact that we have none, it has therefore been difficult for me to further my studies taking into consideration my financial difficulties.

Please rest assured that upon hearing from you I will act immediately in accordance with your instuctions.

Awaiting your early reply, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*Barack Obama*

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