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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Note*

Date: 18th May, 1959.

A. Personal Information:

1. Full name: BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA 2. Sex: MALE
3. Date of birth: June 18th, 1934 4. Place of birth: ALEGO KOGELO, NYANZA, KENYA
5. Present address: P.O. BOX 2121, NAIROBI. KENYA, BRITISH EAST AFRICA.
6. Marital status: MARRIED 7. Spouse's full name,
if married: KESIA AOKO
8. Number of children: ONE 9. Planned time of arrival
in the United States: August 1, 1959.
10. Date you plan to return home: 1965 11. Your nationality: BRITISH
12. Permanent home address: ALEGO KOGELO NYANG'OMA, P.O. SIAYA, KENYA, E. AFRICA.
OBAMA
13. Father's name: HUSSEIN ONYANGO / 14. Father's occupation: COOK
15. Mother's name: ABIBA AKUMU 16. Mother's occupation,
if any: HOUSEWIFE
17. What work will you engage in when you return home? CIVIL ENGINEERING &
ARCHITECTURE. Might open own firm on Civil Engineering
and Architecture or work for the Government or other firms, in ~~the~~ a
the capacity whereby I would be helpful to my country.

Note: (Please read instructions carefully before completing form. Return form completed fully, ~~in duplicate~~ to AAI.)

APPLICANT NOT TO WRITE IN THIS SPACE

B. Scholastic Information:

1. Primary Education:

a. Address of school: NG'IYA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, ALEGO

b. Dates attended: January 1944 to December 1950
month year month year

2. Secondary Education:

a. Address of School: MASENO HIGH SCHOOL, P.O. MASENO.

b. Dates attended: January 1951 to December 1953
month year month year

c. Name of Principal: B.L. BOWERS

b. Address of school: ~~FXOXXMASENO~~ ~~BUDG~~ ~~XXKXG~~ ~~XX~~ ~~COLLEGE~~ ~~XX~~ ~~KAMPALA~~ ~~XX~~

Dates attended: ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~1954~~ to ~~December~~ ~~1954~~
month year month year

Name of Principal: _____

3. If you are a national of the British Commonwealth, have you taken the Cambridge Overseas Examination? NO a. Grade: _____ b. English language rating: _____

c. Other ratings: _____

d. Date when examination was taken: _____

4. If you are a national of the French Union, have you taken L'Examen de Baccalaureat?

a. Mention: _____ b. Date when examination was taken: _____

5. Higher Education: (if more than two institutions of higher learning were attended, use separate sheets to list them)

a. Name and location of higher institute or university:

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b. Dates attended: _____
from _____
to _____

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to _____

c. Name of dean or advisor: _____

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d. Degree or certificate earned: _____

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e. Reason for leaving if no degree or certificate was earned: _____

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C. Proposed American Academic Program:

1. What academic institution in the United States do you hope to attend? _____

THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, HONOLULU 14, HAWAII (U.S.A.)

2. Have you been accepted for admission? YES 3. Have you been offered a scholarship? NO

a. Summarize the kind of scholarship you have been offered:

3. Summarize your proposed academic program in the United States: _____

FIELD OF APPLIED SCIENCE (CIVIL ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE)

a. Degree sought: B.Sc.

D. Financial Information:

1. Type of aid requested Maintenance Grant #500 Tuition Grant _____

Transportation Grant #800

2. Amount requested: #1,300

3. Proposed source of income (state sources and amounts): PRIVATE FUNDS # 1,100.

LAUBACH LITERACY & MISSION FUND # 400.

4. Itemized budget:

Per Year <u># 2,000</u>	Rent	<u>\$ 300</u>
	Food	<u>800</u>
	Laundry	<u>120</u>
	Tuition	<u>180</u>
	Fees	<u>50</u>
	Pocket Money	<u>300</u>
	Other	<u>250 - Books, medical exp. etc.</u>

Total expenses

\$ 2,000

Expected income

\$ 1,500

5. If you are not requesting the full difference between expected income and total expenses, where do you plan to obtain the remainder? _____

6. List other sources to which you have applied for aid: _____

LOCAL INDIVIDUALS

E. General Information:

1. In what European languages are you proficient? ENGLISH

2. In what non-European languages are you proficient? SWAHILI, LUGO.

3. What extracurricular social activities are you interested in, such as societies, clubs, politics, etc.? List organizations, offices held, etc.: LUGO UNION

EAST AFRICA LIMITED, AFRICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY, PEOPLES CONVENTION PARTY.

4. Hobbies and other interests: TRACK, SOCCER, MUSIC, SWIMMING, JOURNALISM.

5. Papers, articles, etc. which you have published: BOOKS FOR ADULT LITERACY
SECTION OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (OTIENO THE WISE MAN, WISE WAYS OF
HEALTH) 2. (OTIENO THE WISE MAN, WISE WAYS OF FARMING).

6. Employment experience: (Please be specific: give dates, addresses, description of work and name of supervisor)

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QUANTITY SURVEYOR ASSISTANT
ADULT LITERACY (EDUCATION DEPARTMENT), P.O. BOX 30040, NAIROBI - SUPERVISOR MISS MOONEY
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENCE, EDITOR OF ADULT LITERACY PAPER, WRITING BOOKS.

7. Foreign travel: List countries and dates. _____

F. Reference Information:

1. List below at least six different references whom we can contact concerning your academic standing, financial condition, and other pertinent information. Do not include names of members of your family.

a. Academic (List three)

Name: B.L. BOWERS Address: P.O. MASENO
SCHOOL
Occupation: PRINCIPAL, MASENO HIGH / Duration of association 4 years

Name: MR. S. OJAL, B.Sc. Address: P.O. MASENO
Occupation: Acting Principal, MASENO Duration of association 3 years

Name: Miss E. Mooney Address: P.O. Box 30040, NAIROBI.
Occupation: LITERACY SPECIALIST Duration of association 2 years

b. Personal (List three)

Name: Dr. GIKONYO KIANO Address: P.O. BOX 12175, NAIROBI.
COUNCIL
Occupation: ELECTED MEMBER, LEGISLATIVE Length of acquaintanceship: 2 years

Name: MR. TOM MBOYA, Address: P.O. Box 10818, NAIROBI
COUNCIL
Occupation: ELECTED MEMBER, LEGISLATIVE Length of acquaintanceship: 9 years

Name: DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH Address: 235, E. 22nd Street, NEW YORK
IO, N.Y.
Occupation: MISSIONARY & LITERACY Length of acquaintanceship: 1 year
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G. Summarize any additional or special information concerning your request for aid. If you are requesting assistance to support research that you plan or are engaged in, describe the research here. If you are requesting aid for an undergraduate or postgraduate program, outline that program as completely as possible.

- H. Give a resume of your life plans, aims, and goals. Include if you wish your conception of the course and development your country should take. State how you plan to work in your country's development. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

I was born in a small village in Central Nyanza. My father earned the living for the family by being a cook in European homes. My mother worked on our land to help provide our food. I have four sisters and two brothers.

My father did not have opportunity for much formal education but was eager for his children to obtain as much as possible. He sent me to Ng'iya Intermediate School which is near our home. I was interested in my studies and was the top of my class. I went from the Intermediate School to Maseno High School. I enjoyed all my studies but I was especially keen on Mathematics and Sciences. My father had taught me some English at home and when I continued with this subject in school I found it easy and fascinating. I also joined in many school activities and took leading parts in dramatics, music, sports and debating. I was forced to leave school in my last year due to financial difficulties at home. This was due to the fact that my father got very ill during that period and could not earn money to pay my school fees. Therefore, I was unable to sit for my Cambridge School Certificate.

However, I have continued to educate myself since leaving school by taking courses in secretarial work (typing, shorthand, accountancy), Quantity Surveying and Journalism. I have also furthered my learning by reading extensively on many subjects.

Since leaving school I have worked for various business firms. (see enclosed work experience sheet). Through this work I have found I have ability and interest in the field of Engineering. I have also become very conscious of the fact that there are no Africans highly trained for this type of work. There are no trained African Architects, Engineers or building Contractors. This is unfortunate because Africans should

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P.T.O.

That I hereby declare that the statements made in this application are to the best of my knowledge and belief true and accurate.

Date: 18th May, 1959

Signature: *Buraidi Mwanja*