



## LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

February 20, 1990

Mr. Oliver Tambo  
President  
African National Congress  
P.O. Box 6183 S-102 33  
Stockholm, Sweden

Dear Mr. Tambo:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the faculty, staff and students of Lincoln University, I am pleased to inform you that in recognition of your outstanding accomplishments, we wish to confer upon you the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. It is my great honor to invite you to accept that degree on Sunday, May 6, 1990, at our annual Commencement on our campus near Oxford, Pennsylvania. We hope that you can be with us at that time inasmuch as honorary degrees are not conferred in absentia. If you and your ANC colleagues (Nelson Mandela, Winnie Mandela and Walter Sisulu), on whom we also hope to confer honorary degrees, be unable to attend our Commencement, we would like to hold a special Convocation at your convenience, in order to confer the degrees at the same time. If it turns out to be impossible to confer them at once, we hope we can arrange to do so whenever you are in the United States.

Since 1854, Lincoln University has had a commitment to excellence in scholarship and service. Founded originally to educate youth of African descent (the founding name, Ashmun Institute, was in honor of the first governor of Liberia), Lincoln has had special links with Africa since the 1860's. Indeed, many of our first graduates migrated to West Africa as missionaries, and, as a result, Lincoln was one of the first American institutions to educate Africans from the continent.

You may well know that over the first one hundred years of Lincoln's existence, its illustrious graduates distinguished themselves in medicine, science, theology, education, law, diplomacy and many other fields. One of every five Black physicians received a Bachelor of Arts from Lincoln, and one of every ten Black lawyers was a Lincoln undergraduate. Our alumni include two former African heads of state, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana and Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe of Nigeria, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Poet Langston Hughes, the 19th Century Visionary Edward Wilmot Blyden, and his grandson, Ambassador Edward Wilmot Blyden III, thirty-six college Presidents, ten

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ambassadors and consuls, several mayors and numerous other men and women of distinction.

Recognizing your own achievements in the fight for freedom and justice for the people of South Africa, as well as all over the world, we would consider it an honor to confer upon you an honorary degree to exemplify our common bond.

Please find enclosed a list of some of the distinguished persons who have received honorary degrees from Lincoln over the years, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Reverend Jessie Jackson, Congressman William H. Gray III and His Majesty King Moshoeshoe II. Also enclosed for your perusal is a packet of information about our University. We shall send you other details of the occasion in due course.

We look forward with great anticipation to your favorable reply to this letter. I wonder if your schedule, and that of your colleagues, would permit you to give us a reply by the end of March, inasmuch as arrangements must be made well in advance of the Commencement.

With admiration and respect, I am

Yours sincerely,

  
Niara Sudarkasa  
President

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Enclosures

Copies of this letter are being sent to the African National Congress office in New York and Lusaka, Zambia.

cc: Ambassador Franklin H. Williams

SOME HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS FROM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY  
Lincoln University, Pennsylvania

<u>Year Degree Conferred</u>	<u>Type of Degree</u>	<u>Name of Recipient</u>	<u>Class Year</u>
1989	L.L.D.	Casey, Governor Robert P.	
	L.H.D.	Davis, Clifton D.	
	L.L.D.	**King Moshoeshoe II of the Kingdom of Lesotho	
	L.H.D.	Moton-Barnett, Etta	
		**Special Convocation October 11, 1989	
1988	L.H.D.	Bennett, Lerone, Jr.	
	L.H.D.	Graves, Earl G.	
	L.H.D.	Harris, Jay T.	'70
	LL.D.	Height, Dorothy I.	
	L.H.D.	Munro, J. Richard	
	L.H.D.	Taylor, Susan L.	
1987	LL.D.	Blockson, Charles L.	
	LL.D.	Edelman, Marian Wright	
	LL.D.	Farrell, H. Alfred	'32
	LL.D.	Freeman, Robert T., Jr.	'41
	LL.D.	Harding, Vincent Gordon	
1986	LL.D.	Parker, Judge Barrington D.	'36
1985	LL.D.	Chisholm, Shirley A.	
1984	LL.D.	Dunham, Katherine	
1983	LL.D.	David, John A.	
1982	LL.D.	Brown, Sterling A.	
1981	LL.D.	Mitchell, Parren J.	
1980	LL.D.	Gray, William H., III	
1979	LL.D.	Wharton, Clifton R., Jr.	
1978	LL.D.	Hawkins, Augustus F.	
1977	LL.D.	Young, Andrew J.	
1976	LL.D.	Anderson, Marian	

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1975	LL.D.	Quarles, Benjamin	
1974	LL.D. L.H.D.	Rosenwald, Julius, II Tyson, Cicely	
1973	LL.D. LL.D.	Blyden, Edward Wilmont, III Robeson, Paul	'48
1972	L.H.D. LL.D.	Browne, Roscoe Lee Clark, Ramsey	'46
1971	LL.D.	Higginbotham, A. Leon, Jr.	
1970	LL.D.	Brooks, Angie	
1969	D.D.	Jackson, Jesse Louis	
1968	L.H.D.	Sullivan, Leon Howard (Rev.)	
1967	LL.D.	Randolph, Asa Philip	
1966	LL.D. LL.D.	Adebo, Simeon Olaosebikan Williams, Franklin Hall	'41
1965	LL.D.	Mays, Benjamin E.	
1964	D.D.	Myrdal, Gunnar Karl	
1963	D.C.L. D.H.L.	Clark, Kenneth Bancroft Mead, Margaret	
1962	LL.D.	Adjei, E, Ako	ex '42
1961	LL.D.	King, Martin Luther, Jr.	
1956	LL.D.	Mbadiwe, K.O.	ex '43
1955	D.Sc.	Ikejiana, Reuben O. O.	ex '42
1954	D.H.L.	Eisenhower, Milton Stover	
1951	LL.D.	Nkrumah, Kwame	'39 '42s
1949	L.H.D.	Robinson, James Herman	'35
1947	LL.D. LL.D.	Bunche, Ralph J. Marshall, Thurgood	'30
1946	LL.D. D.Sc.	Azikiwe, B. Nnamdi Einstein, Albert E.	'30