Gauteng workshops on legislative drafting

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October 16, 1997

Dear Firoz:

We were glad to hear from you that you had had some luck with UNDP. Bob has pretty completely recovered, now; his 1997 reconditioned heart seems to work better than it did before, and he feels good.

Since we have heard nothing further since late September, we thought we should FAX you to about several issues.

First, not having heard anything further about the proposal that we go to Wits next term, we assume that is not likely to work out, at least for spring '98. We need to know for sure, for we have other teaching obligations here which we must say yes or no about.

Secondly, does the fact that you had some luck with UNDP suggest that you might be sending two to four drafters here in the spring term, instead, so that, in turn they could take leadership in institutionalizing the training process for drafters there on their return (with syllabi, a handbook, and some draft bills and research reports in advanced stages of completion)? If that were so, we should begin making plans for it.

Third, we have been asked to go to Sri Lanka in January to help them draft legislation as part of the proposed program of strengthening local government there. If, indeed, we do go (which depends we suppose on the status of things there) we plan to stop in South Africa on our way for two weeks, Dec. 20-January 2. If we do, of course, we would very much like to see you to find out how things have been going.

We look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, we hope all goes well with you.

Sincerely,

Ann and Bob
October 16, 1997

Mr. Godwin Bafuma Mbote
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Dear Mr. Mbote:

Thank you for your FAX of October 14. Our Program, here at BU, for Legislative Drafting for Democratic Change does not provide an LLM degree. It constitutes a four month program on the theory and methodology for drafting transformative legislation.

Next year, the Program will run from 1st September through 15th December. The fee per participant is $10,285. The enclosed flyer specifies the cost of room and board in Boston University Student Housing. In previous sessions, some participants have preferred to find and rent private apartments alone or with others, and do their own cooking. Rentals vary considerably. For four months for multiple occupancy, unfurnished apartments typically rent for $1200 or more; furnished, for $2500 or more. Student apartments generally become available beginning September 1. It is necessary to come early to find an apartment and get settled a few days before term begins.

Enclosed please find an application blank. The information requested enables us to structure the Program to meet all the participants' needs. Only a limited number of places are available, so please send your application in soon. The final decision relating to applicants will be made by June 1. Once you receive notice of selection for the program, within 30 days we will expect a non-refundable deposit of $500 to hold your place. The balance of the program fee will be due by September 1, 1998.

Together with the Political Science Department, we have recently established a Masters-PhD Program on Governance which, in addition to a general political science background, provides special courses in the theory and methodology of drafting legislation designed to facilitate democratic social change. Enclosed, please find a description of the Political Science program and the additional courses provided in the context of the specialization in Governance.

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Dear Ann & Bob

This is just a short note to let you know that I have made some progress with the UNDP. I had a meeting with them in Pretoria recently. They seemed fairly interested and I am now waiting for them to respond to the proposal. I am afraid I was less successful with USAID.

I hope Bob is well and not working too hard.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Firoz Cachalia