

To The President of the Republic of the United States of America.

Mr President:

On this occasion When I have the honour to present to Your Excellency the Letter of Credence by virtue of which President Sir Seretse Khama accredits me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Botswana, it gives me great pleasure to bring to Your Excellency the cordial greetings of the Government and people of Botswana.

As the first Ambassador of Botswana to the United States I am deeply conscious of the great responsibility entrusted to me, and it will be my earnest endeavour to discharge that responsibility with respect and diligence. The new State of Botswana has embarked upon the task of building up a non-racial State in which peoples of different racial origin can live together in peace and harmony on a basis of equal opportunity, equal rights and equal ~~opportunity~~ <sup>responsibility</sup>.

Of course, Mr President, in endeavouring to carry out our objectives, we shall need your assistance and that of your able representatives, and we feel sure that ~~in~~ the common pursuit of our mutual objectives will enhance the strong friendly relationship already existing between our two countries. Our Governments have the common goal of strengthening ideals and interests that can lead to eventual peace and understanding among all nations.

Allow me, Mr President, upon the initiation of this mission—and with full awareness of its importance and significance to express to you my humble respect and admiration and my best wishes for Your Excellency's welfare and for the prosperity of the people of the United States.