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Dear Mr. Pogrud, I have the nicest letter from Mr. Sobakwe, informing me that he would have preferred to come to Roosevelt University, but that he has already accepted a fellowship from Wisconsin. I have done my best in this letter to reconcile these two positions. I hope we can work some-

Mr. Robert M. Sobakwe  
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thing out  
with kindest and best wishes, and (as always) my  
gratitude

Sincerely,

Frank Untermyer

Dear Mr. Sobakwe,

Thank you for your letter of April 16th, which was as kind and nice as it could possibly be.

While, of course, we are all disappointed that you may not be with us at Roosevelt University, yet our primary purpose was to get you to the United States, so that you could commence your doctoral studies. That has been accomplished, and I am happy that you will be working at so eminent an institution as the University of Wisconsin. Wisconsin has, as I am sure you are aware, a distinguished Department of African Linguistics. I assume that your fellowship is in that Department.

I do have a suggestion whereby you could teach, if you choose to do so, at Roosevelt University, while pursuing your graduate work at Wisconsin. You may be aware that Madison is quite close to Chicago, and that airplanes, trains, and buses take anywhere from twenty-five minutes to two hours to make the trip between those two cities. If you would care to do so, you could put aside one day in each week in order to teach two courses at Roosevelt University. In the morning, you would teach for 2½ hours, and in the evening for another 2½ hours. For each of these courses, Roosevelt University would pay a stipend of \$1,000. Each course would be for one term, which runs from September, 1970 through January, 1971, and therefore we would pay \$2,000 during that period. If you chose to continue the arrangement from February, 1971, through June, 1971, you would receive an additional \$2,000., or a total, for the year, of \$4,000. This might help supplement your fellowship from Wisconsin. The cost of transportation, from Madison to Chicago, and back, once a week, would be a very small item.

I do not know with whom you have been corresponding, at Wisconsin. I assume it may be either Professor M. Crawford Young, Chairman of the African Studies Program, or Professor Lyndon Harries, Chairman of African Languages and Literature. I have attempted to telephone both Dr. Young and Dr. Harries, without success, and I am now taking the liberty of mailing copies of this letter to each of them. I shall ask them two questions: (1) Does Wisconsin have any objection to the arrangement which I have described above? (2) If there is no objection, which weekday would seem to fit best into their plans for your Ph. D. program, for your Roosevelt teaching? After I have heard from them, and if you, too, would write to me immediately, and indicate that you would accept the arrangement, I would then schedule the two courses, the titles of which I will discuss with you when you arrive in the U.S. We could complete the formalities with a contract, after your arrival.

Regardless of how all of this is resolved, I send my best and warmest greetings. I look forward to meeting you shortly after your arrival.

Sincerely yours,  
Frank Untermyer

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