

Cover sheet for an interview conducted in Zambia:

Mr. Luka Yamba on 8th July 1979 in Solwezi (Cassette recording with no transcription)

- **Our professional relationship in the 1970s.** Mr. Luka Yamba worked at the Ministry of Education in Solwezi in the late 1970s while I was the UNZA lecturer in Solwezi. Our offices were in adjoining buildings. Mr. Yamba and I worked well together and both of us had a profound interest in the history of education in the NWP. We traveled together for professional reasons on a number of occasions within the NWP. He became active in several other interviews, as noted.
- **No transcript.** Rather sadly, I have no record of having transcribed this interview with Mr. Yamba, nor the interviews with Mr. E. Mutwale (14th November 1978) and the second interview with Mr. Aaron Ngalande (20th May 1979). I do not mention this fact to them in my early 1980s correspondence when I was finishing my dissertation. I have no further recollection about this.
- **Tape a little stretched.** Fortunately, the cassette tape with the interview still exists and has been converted into two WAV files on a CD-R, with each WAV file representing one side of the cassette. Unfortunately, parts of the tape were a bit stretched from sheer age and though the words are understandable, listening requires a little concentration. Despite this problem, Mr. Yamba speaks clearly and informatively and the story he tells in this interview is well worth listening to.
- **Please note four items of correspondence (3 from me and one from him) in the period from May 1981 to January 1984.**

General note on all interviews and interviewees: These cover sheets were created from old notes 25 years ago. They contain key manuscript information in each interviewee's file. Often there is a short chronology of the interviewee's life written at the time of the interview. Most interviewees by this time (2006) are deceased; hence the huge potential value of this old interview. All interviews focused on education in the North West Province of Zambia mainly in the period from World War II until the 1970s. They often contain information on other topics that in some way related to education. All interviewees were in some way leaders of their own community or missionaries who had spent much of their life in the N.W.P. Most interview transcripts contain rectangular boxes for, or with, 5 numbers. These were used to code key data for research and writing in this pre-computer era. These codes are now meaningless for me and for any one else. Unless noted otherwise, these interviewees can be used by scholars without restrictions.

8/9/2006

61-15 98th St., #4E
Rego Park, New York 11374
9 January 1984

Dear *Mr Yamba*

Thank you for your letter several months ago. I am pleased to tell you that on Christmas Eve I received "xerograph" copies of my dissertation for you and for other interviewees who responded to my letter last July.

Within the next ^{*week*} fortnight, I shall get these copies into the post using parcel post surface mail. The post office tells me that the copies to Britain should arrive by mid-February and the copies to Zambia should arrive in late April or May. From experience, however, I suspect that those to the former may take until the end of February and those to Zambia until the end of June. Should you not get your copy by my latter estimate, please let me know.

Along with each copy, I shall enclose a note. I shall also enclose forms instructing everybody how to get additional copies, if desired. American and Canadian dissertations (except for those from a tiny handful of universities) have really become a new type of book as you shall see -- one of the many new by-products of the modern age!

I hope that you have a wonderful New Year, with good health and much happiness.

Very sincerely,

P. David Wilkin

PS. I hope you enjoy reading my work, when your copy arrives! I have a small favour to ask of you, ^{from} ~~that~~ I have heard from almost all interviewees ~~except for the~~ following: ^{(most of which are in Kaemya) did discuss with you} ~~as of yet~~ ^{sent off} a complimentary ~~copy to each of them~~ ^{that were kept} ~~from~~ ^{not} ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~sent~~ ^{to} ~~me~~ ^{are!}

~~Mr~~ ^(Call K.S.) Mijatovic, Aaron Argalade, Mutwale,
Tito Kibolyan ^(Solomon) & Silas Chizawa ^(last address, Min. of Ed, Kabi), Except for

Mutwale, I printed the others at
considerable length. Because of this I

went ahead & ordered them ^{free} copies from
the publisher.
I can, however, hold these ^{copies} only until April
if you ^{possibly} get them a message ^{or tell them} to contact
me if they want this copy, received for them?
~~please do so.~~ Otherwise they will later have to
purchase them at a ~~cost~~ ^{cost} of \$45 approx ^{\$45} (Am).

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Mr. Luka Yamba,
% Ministry of General Education,
P.O. Box 110098,
Solwezi, N. W. Province,
ZAMBIA

Dear Mr. Yamba

Herewith the copy of my dissertation that I promised you. I hope that you received my airmail letter, also written on 9 January 1984, informing you that it was coming. As very few studies cover the present-day entity called the NWP, the dissertation may have some future significance.

Please start by reading the Preface very carefully.

Note my general acknowledgement to all interviewees in the Preface and my specific acknowledgements in the bibliography. Note also that I make at least one -- and generally many more -- references to each interview. As there is no index, you must carefully read or survey the whole dissertation, including the footnotes, to find specific references to our interview.

As with all other readers, I invite you to write me with your comments. For at least the remainder of this year, use the address given at the top of this page. Thereafter, as indicated in the Preface, write to me in care of my brother.

If you do write to me with your comments, both positive and negative, I will certainly reply. If you also desire, I will give you a summary of American scholars remarks about this work. I suspect that those remarks will be different from, and often less astute than, those from you interviewees for whom this topic has a personal meaning.

I hope you are well and having a good year. As of the date of this letter, I am well and moving into a new business career. For the time being, I have placed both life in Africa and in the university world behind me. Nonetheless, I still hope to do some writing in the next year or so. Thus after you read the work, I will indeed value your comments very much.

Very sincerely,

P. David Wilkin

Yamba

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SOLWEZI.

23rd September, 1983.

Mr. David Wilkin,
P.O.BOX 175,
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New York 11374.

Dear Mr. Wilkin,

In the first place I would like to thank you very much for your letter and a copy of an abstract summary of what you have done.

Your letter came to me as a surprise since it has taken quite a long time without hearing from you. However, your letter has refreshed my memory about you and what we used to do whilst you were in Zambia and Solwezi in particular.

Your letter arrived at the time I was away in Lusaka and upon my arrival I had again another commitment outside Solwezi District. I should be most grateful if you can send me a copy of your complementary using the above address.

Solwezi for your information, has really expanded and there are so many buildings within the Township itself that if you come back you would wonder, most of the officers you left have so far been transferred and ofcourse replaced. For example we have new Chief Education Officer and new Deputy Chief Education Officer, new Permanent Secretary, Under Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Member of the Central Committee and so on. Your office has moved to Zambia National Provident Fund Building which is situated next to the Library building.

I hope you are all well over there.

Yours Sincerely,

L.B.Yamba.

P.O. Box 493
Syracuse, New York 13210
10th May 1981

Dear Mr. Yanba,

We are having beautiful spring weather here at present. But as it gets warmer here, it no doubt gets cooler there. You know the situation well from your travels. I certainly do think of all of you a lot and hope Solwezi life is as pleasant as ever.

I was pleased that Peter's tape recorder finally reached him and that he loaned it to you as I requested. If you can still get the tapes transcribed and translated, I can still include that information in my book. I am now over half finished but could include information at least up through the end of July. So if you have the time and think the material is important do send anything to me and I will see that it is used and that you are acknowledged. I will be glad to reimburse you for air postage or send you something you would like from here in place of cash. Many friends prefer a book or some such thing when I owe them money.

If you cannot get anything off, I will understand. If possible, drop me a line if I should expect anything from those or more recent interviews.

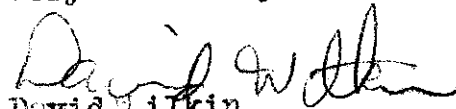
Peter is anxious to use the recorder for music I think so when you do not need it maybe you could loan it back to him? Anyway, I shall try to send him a tape with a little recording for all of you to hear and then some music. So no doubt he will see you when he gets it.

When the book is finished you will indeed get a copy. You will find it interesting I am sure. I am hoping to present it late this year if possible and then it will be available with luck in 1982. I may cut the narrative off in 1954 instead of the 1970s but this is still not finalized.

Presently I am taking a little holiday. Today I am in NYC with my wife and we will leave for Newfoundland tomorrow. Hope to get back to writing in Syracuse in late May.

Do give my regards to old friends in Solwezi, especially any in the Ministry of Education.

Very sincerely


David Wilkin