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SUNDAY 1

I do not hear anything from the Ghana Embassy.
I meet Armand Sangari Division Politique, Minister
Etrange, Mali who invites me to his office for the
following day in the afternoon.

MONDAY 2

I call at the foreign Affairs at 3 pm and meet an
official described as the Secretary General. He
gives me a good hearing and advises that I should
await the return of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
on 7/4. He also promises to mention to the Minister
the question of my Hotel Bill.

I meet Amegatcher in the evening and he apologises.

TUESDAY 3

11/15 am I call at the Ghana Embassy and have a
discussion with Amegatcher on the S.A. United
Front.

2 pm: I have tea with the Ambassador of Algeria,
Morocco and United Arab Republic.

WEDNESDAY 4

9 am. The Ambassador of the U.A.R. informs me
that he has arranged with Lamine Keita, of the Political
Divisions of the Foreign Affairs, to see
me between 9 and 12 noon today. I telephone foreign
Affairs, repeatedly throughout the day but cannot
contact Lamine Keita. He is reported to be
out.

THURSDAY 5

10 am: I meet Lamine Keita as the Foreign Affairs
for one hr and he undertakes to have a preliminary
chat with the President tonight or tomorrow.

FRIDAY 6

I meet Doudou Gueye, Secretary General of the Union
of Pan African Journalists. He enquired about
Brian Bunting and New Age. Later in the afternoon
he shows me around the Ministry of Information.

I also meet Oumar Bah of the Information Ministry.
We spend an afternoon together at the
Grand Hotel.

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APRIL 1962SATURDAY 7

11/30 I meet Mr Madeira Keita, Minister of Interior, for 1 1/2 hrs and I discuss my mission. An appointment is arranged with the President at 9 am on the 9/4.

I am also supplied with funds to enable me to move around town.

Hq warns against precipitate action that might be disastrous and also hints that the support we get now may not be constant.

SUNDAY 8

3 pm: Ouman Bah and his wife call to see me. Thereafter Lamine Keita joins us.

MONDAY 9

We report at the Presidents Office at 9 am and we are requested to return at 11 am. At 11 am we call again and this time we are informed to call back at 6 pm.

At 6 pm I meet the President as he goes out of his office. We shake hands and he says I should meet him the following day at 8 am. At 8 pm Lamine, Sawgarin and I attend party at Chinese Embassy.

TUESDAY 10

8 am: I meet the President and we have an hours discussion on the present political situation at home and on my mission. He advises that there is coordinating machinery between Mali, Guinea and Ghana on this matter and the matter would be referred there. Questions of Hotel expenses would be attended later by the Cabinet. Asks for name, status and address for purpose of communication subsequently Hotel Manager advises that President's Secretary phoned to say that expenses will not be paid.

WEDNESDAY 11

I am invited by his Excellency, Salifu Yakuba, Minister Resident of Ghana and we have a 2 hr general discussion.

I also meet His Excellency, Amrin Ambassador for Egypt.

APRIL 1962THURSDAY 12

I fly from Bamako to Conakry. Madeira Keita is also on the plane. After an hrs flight, the plane stops at a small countryside airport and a number of people come on board. We next stop at Kankan and reach Conakry at 5/30 pm.

I have difficulty at airport but finally all is alright. I stay at the Hotel Niger.

FRIDAY 13

I meet Mr Mbeyi, Head of African Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I meet him again at 4 pm and I am officially received by the El Hadg Diallo Saifouhaye, Political Secretary of the P.D.G. and President of the National Assembly. He suggests a short memo for presentation to the Political Bureau of the Party.

SATURDAY 14

9 am I give Mr Mbeyi the memo and he promises to place it before the Bureau.

SUNDAY 15

I spend the day quietly reading in my Hotel.

MONDAY 16

I fly from Conakry to Free Town. The flight takes 20 minutes, but we take 2 hrs from the airport to the Town. We make the journey first by bus and thereafter by motor boat.

I stay at the Government Rest House. I meet Mr Victor Sumner and Donald George of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

TUESDAY 17

10/30 I attend the National Assembly and meet various MP's.

Later I meet Dr John Karefa-Smart, Minister of External Affairs.

In the evening I contact Dr Lindi Piliso.

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WEDNESDAY 18

I have lunch with Dr Lindi and spend part of the evening with Victor Summer of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

THURSDAY 19

I fly from Freetown to Monrovia. The aerodrome Robertsfield is 48 miles away from the city.

I lodge at the Monrovia City Hotel.

FRIDAY 20

I spend the day reading.

SATURDAY 21

I meet the Secretary of State J. RUDOLPH Grimes Ernest Eastman, Head of African and Asian Affairs is also present. Secretary informs me that President TUBMAN is away at Cape Palmas and will return on 25th April 1962 and advises me to wait for his return. I accept. I am supplied with a car and driver.

SUNDAY 22

I spend the day sight seeing. Later I go to the Bernard Beach Club.

MONDAY 23

I spend the day quietly in the Hotel reading.

TUESDAY 24

I am advised that the President has sent a telegram from Cape Palmas advising that he would grant me a interview on 25/4/62.

WEDNESDAY 25

2 pm: I meet the President. He informs me that the people of Liberia would do everything in their power to help our people in their struggle for self-determination. Sends his regards to Chief.

APRIL 1962THURSDAY 26

I miss my plane to Accra and I book for the following day at 9 am.

FRIDAY 27

9 am: I leave Robertsfield for Accra.

3.30 pm: I phone Mr Barden, Chairman of African Affairs and make an appointment for 3/30 on 30/4/62.

SATURDAY 28

9/30: I call at the Bureau of African Affairs and meet Kofu Batsa, Editor-in-Chief of the "Voice of Africa". He arranges for me to lodge at the Ringway Hotel.

SUNDAY 29

I spend the day reading.

7/30: I have dinner with Head of Algerian Mission in Accra, Mr Tawfik Bouattoura.

MONDAY 30

3/30 I see Barden and his assistant Sam and have preliminary conversation with him. I inform him that we will have a fuller discussion on arrival.

6 pm: Raboroke and I visit friends in Achimela. There I meet my wifes cousins Mr an Mrs Ngisane.

7/30 : H. FLEGG (LAYAFET HAMMOND-DICKS) picks me up and I have dinner with her.