Letter from Z. K. Matthews to W. E. B. Du Bois, January 28, 1953

Per Du Bois’s query (mums312-b140-i281), providing details on his upbringing, education, activities, and family life, and enclosing a separate biographical sketch.

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Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois,
23 West 26th Street
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Du Bois,

Please find enclosed a copy of a statement
from which you will be able to gather some of the facts asked
for in your letter of January 27.

I was born in October 20, 1901 in the
district of Kimberley, the Diamond City in the Cape
Province where Cecil Rhodes made the money with
which he furthered his imperialistic designs on Africa.

As regards tribal affiliation, I belong
to the Bamangwato tribe whose chief, Seretse Khama, has been exiled by the British
Government because he acted honorably towards
an English girl he loved.

My wife you have met already. Our
family consists of two sons and three daughters.
Our eldest son is a law student, our eldest daughter
and younger son are both at college taking the
B.S. degree, and our two younger daughters are at
High School. We have left at home in South
Africa but are looking forward to joining them
in a few months' time.

Yours sincerely,

Z.K. Matthews