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 copy of a statement from which you will be able to get 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 Somangwato tribe whose chief designate, Seretse Khama, has been denied by the British Government because he acted honorably towards an English girl he loved.

My wife you have met already. My family consists of two sons and three daughters, our eldest son is a law student, our eldest daughter and youngest 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,
S.K. Matthews