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Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

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cc: Robert D. Cross ✓ Joseph B. Shane
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On Thursday, February 3, 1972 Clem Cottingham and I met with John Wideman, the director of the Afro-American Study group at Penn. Wideman is also an Associate Professor of English Literature at Penn. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibilities of exchange programs between Swarthmore and the University of Pennsylvania on the one hand, and the University of the West Indies and the three universities of East Africa on the other.

Clem outlined what had already transpired between the University of the West Indies and Swarthmore. Starting in September there will be an exchange program of between three and four Swarthmore students and an equal number of students from the University of the West Indies. The costs involved seem to be minimal. It appears to be an outright even exchange. There are, of course, incidental expenses such as transportation and student out-of-pocket expenses. Even the transportation seems to be possible. Air Jamaica is interested in helping with the expenses.

In regard to the Universities of East Africa, there is a different story. First, our students (both those from Swarthmore and Penn) will suffer from a cultural dislocation. They will not be familiar with the food, the habits, or the living conditions of the East Africans. Consequently, we may have to subsidize them to make their daily living more comfortable for them. For the students coming from East Africa there are two problems: 1) culture and 2) a different educational background. Like our students going to Africa, the students coming from Africa will require some amenities to make their lives more pleasant. It is doubtful whether they will be able to work at part time jobs because of visa problems and cultural backgrounds. In addition, because the University of East Africa is modelled on the British System of three university years, the students coming from East Africa will most likely have to be graduate students. This is where Penn comes into the picture. We send the undergraduates, and Penn takes the graduate students. To start the figures are: 3 undergraduates from both Swarthmore and Penn for two graduate students from East Africa. If all three East African universities take part, we are talking about nine undergraduates going from Penn and Swarthmore and six graduate students coming from East Africa.

Now for the costs. For each American student going to East Africa there will be the following costs: \$500 for transportation, \$500 for personal costs (books and incidentals), and \$800-\$900 for food costs. Roughly about \$2,000 per student. For East African students coming to the U.S. the cost will be \$500 for transportation and maybe \$500 for personal expenses. It is estimated that the full tuition at Penn covers most incidentals.

The logistics are these. We will plan to send 3 undergraduates to the University of the West Indies and 3 undergraduates to the Universities

of East Africa. Penn will send 3 undergraduates to the University of the West Indies and 3 undergraduates to the Universities of East Africa. In turn we will accept 3 undergraduates from the University of West Indies. Penn will accept 3 undergraduates from the University of the West Indies and 2 graduate students from the Universities of East Africa.

What kind of support can we receive from the Office of Education? In the guidelines it is quite clear that the main costs which we will encounter--scholarships and travel--are not included. We can cover program costs such as administrative expenses and partial faculty compensation.

Roughly we think we can re-coup the following costs. The grants are limited to less than \$30,000.

Administrative	\$2000	
Travel for administrative	2000	
Secretarial	<u>2000</u>	\$6000
5 partial faculty at Swarthmore		10,000
5 partial faculty at Penn		<u>10,000</u>
		\$26,000

There are some problems beyond the costs. The first is - are scholarship students allowed to go to an institution other than the one designated in their scholarship? If a student has a scholarship at Swarthmore, can he spend a year at the University of the West Indies and have his scholarship cover the costs of an exchange student from the University of the West Indies? Second, how can such an exchange program be evaluated? When is the evaluation to be undertaken and by whom? Third, can such a program be expanded into our Social Science Research Center? At this point this is a rhetorical question but may have a basis for later reality. Fourth, can the cooperative arrangements, particularly the financial, be worked out with Penn?

On the positive side, if such a program can be worked out, we would be taking a substantial step forward toward better international education and institutional cooperation.

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MEMORANDUM

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From: Richard M. Schrader

Subject: International Exchange - Errata on my previous memorandum of
February 8, 1972

Clem Cottingham brought to my attention two errors regarding the number of participants for the exchange program.

1. In regard to the exchange with the University of the West Indies Swarthmore will have an even exchange of 3 or 4 students. It may be that Penn will send 1 or 2 students to the University of the West Indies as part of our quota, but would receive no students from the University of the West Indies. That is, if everything can be worked out 3 or 4 students from Penn and Swarthmore would be exchanged for 3 or 4 students from the University of the West Indies who would be enrolled at Swarthmore.
2. The numbers for the East African Universities are: 3 undergraduates from Swarthmore, 3 undergraduates from Penn in exchange for 4 graduate students who would go to Penn. The two East African universities now involved are the University of Makerere and the University of Nairobi.

The second problem Clem raised was do we waive the room and board fees for Swarthmore students going to the East Africa universities, or do we charge the full amount and use the money to cover their living expenses in East Africa and to help compensate Penn for the exchange students coming from East Africa?

If this program looks good in principle we will move ahead and see if the Office of Education is interested.