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THE HON. MRS. JUSTICE JIAGGE  
JUSTICE OF APPEAL'S CHAMBERS  
COURT OF APPEAL  
SUPREME COURT  
ACCRA, GHANA

MRS. MILDRED PERSINGER,  
CHAIRPERSON,  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S  
TRIBUNE CENTRE,  
345 EAST 46TH STREET  
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NEW YORK N.Y. 10017

13th December, 1977

Dear Mildred,

It was good to hear from you. I wish I can write you a proper letter but right now I am chairing a Seminar on "The role of Women in Marketing Local Farm and Marine Produce" It is being sponsored by our Women's Council and F.A.O.

I shall be glad to accept the invitation when it comes. I have instructed that the first year's report of the Ghana National Council on Women & Development be sent on to you. The Council was set up in the I.W.~~Y~~. 1975.

Lots of Love.

Will write properly later.

Yours Sincerely

*Annie*

*M- can we get any info, i.e. report on this seminar?*

Women's conference in Houston, Texas, where we had approximately 100 guests from about 50 countries. Our object was to invite women who are not always on the international circuit and who would have expertise in specific fields. One exception, as she does travel a lot, was Keta Abaka, who participated in a media consultation and attracted much attention. Adelaide Asinseba, whom you may know, was also there. From the YWCA, we had Virginia Ocabashe, from South Africa and Mary Kazianga from Zambia.

Speaking of Zambia, the Permanent Representative, Gwendoline Songe has made a huge hit here at the UN. You may recall that she is chairing the Council on Zambia. A number of women are saying they expect Zambia will be self-governing next year, she says YWCA-related women are doing well.

January 3, 1978

The Hon. Mrs. Justice Jiagge  
Justice of Appeal's Chambers  
Court of Appeal  
Accra, Ghana

Dear Annie,

I was touched indeed that you should have answered my letter in the midst of all of your heavy responsibilities, including chairing the Seminar on The Role of Women in Marketing Local Farm and Marine Produce. Many, many thanks.

When you receive the Newsletter from this office which will be mailed within a few days, you will note that the Seminar is of particular interest to us, and we would like to report on its findings when they can be made available to us. Rather than cause you the bother of having it sent to us, we will contact the Ghana Women's Council directly. But we are delighted to know that it has taken place and that we may be able to let others know about it.

It will also be a pleasure to receive the first year's report of the National Council on Women and Development and we thank you for letting us have it. That will doubtless furnish more of the kind of information the constituency our Centre is working with is so eager to have.

Many thanks, also, for your willingness to cooperate with us. I will be sending you a formal invitation and related details as soon as our board has met this month.

NGO Representatives who had been planning to attend the UN Commission on the Status of Women meetings here this month, and the Commissioners, too, are dismayed that the Commission meeting will be postponed until March 20 if ECOSOC so decides next week. I am sure you will remember how hard it was to prepare the documentation for February and March. January was completely unrealistic.

In November I saw many of the friends you made in your visit to San Francisco two years ago. They were attending the U.S. National



Women's Conference in Houston, Texas, where we had approximately 100 guests from about 60 countries. Our object was to invite women who are not always on the international circuit and who would have expertise in specific fields. One exception, as she does travel a lot, was Kate Abbam, who participated in a media consultation and attracted much attention. Adelaide Asihence, whom you may know, was also there. From the YWCA, we had Virginia Gcabashe, from South Africa and Mary Kaziunga from Zambia.

Speaking of Zambia, the Permanent Representative, Gwendoline Koné has made a huge hit here at the UN. You may know that she is chairing the Council on Namibia. As the South Africans are saying they expect Namibia will be self-governing next year, she may have even more to do. Our YWCA-related women are doing well.

Your health is a concern as it is to you, I know, but your friends probably spend more time thinking about it than you do. I hope you are well and better than ever. As I keep hearing about your travels and other work, you must be enjoying excellent health, or as overcoming as always. Keep well in 1978.

Affectionately,

Mildred Persinger