

Kenneth Brathwaite

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19 Oct 94

dear Elli,

Thanks v much fr yr letter that arr here a few hours before I set out for Norman Oklahoma & the Neustadt. You therefore participated in this v real warm way in the proceedings though of course we missed you and I wished so much that it wd have been possible for you to have been there

My sister came in from Jamaica as did a Bajan friend also from the Mona campus in Jamaica. The Bajan ambassador to the USA in Washington came - I had taught him during his first year at secondary school in Barbados & had not seen him since then although we both remembered each other!! he also brought & read a letter from the new Prime Minister of Barbados - which means that unexpectedly - and for the first time in my xperience - this turned out to be quite a Bajan affair!! though Ronnie Pardo, my friend & assistant who you met w/me in New York at the Palm Court, was also there. Soon after that NY pleasure, she moved w/her family to New Jersey, so I've lost my kind of right hand at a time, frankly, when I so need the help to deal w/ some of the postNeustadt developments But such is the tidalectics of life

You are quite right about Juanita She & Djela opened their lovely home & sensitive hearts to all of us for Neustadt and made it for me one of those lifetime things

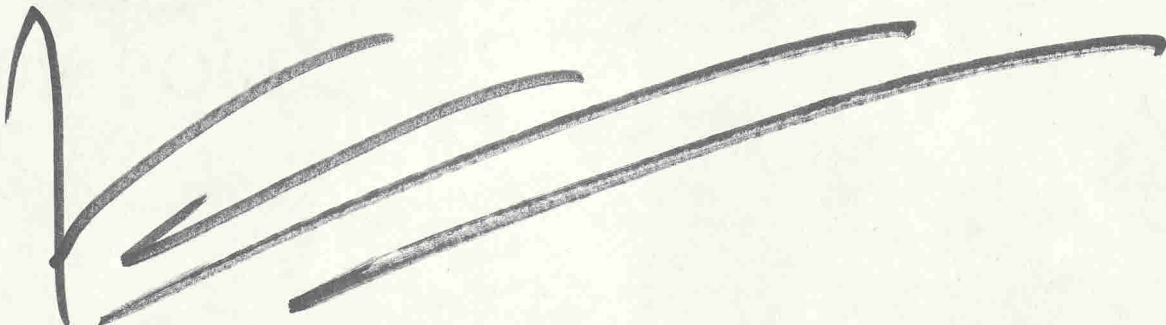
And you shd have heard Ngugi's encomium! As you must or might have heard, Kofi Awoonor, now back in Ghana & no longer ambassador (he's now writing & farming a friend told me yesterday) at the last minute couldnt make it back to Norman Which was a pity on so many levels - above all because I wanted to say something to him publicly about what Ghana gave to me during those nine years I live there

But Kenya gave me my name & all that has followed from that & for the first time to my knowledge, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, whose grandmother it was who planted me in the earth in front of her & chanted me my 'Kamau', spoke about this And it was beautiful & for me, as you cam imagine, historically important

Thanks for helping me there

*Kamau  
Brathwaight  
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Neustadt*

w/ Love & respect to you, yr husband, yr family - & to the beautiful Cyprus of our dreams





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