

# LETTERS

His Excellency Mzee Jomo Kenyatta  
President  
Republic of Kenya  
State House  
Nairobi, Kenya

May 17, 1978

Dear Excellency:

The Board of Directors of the African Studies Association notes with deep concern reports of the action of the Government of Kenya in detaining without charge Professor Ngugi wa Thiong'o. Such action violates fundamental principles of academic freedom. We protest this action and seek additional information from you and others about this deplorable situation.

For the Board of Directors,  
James Duffy  
Executive Secretary

cc: Hon. Mr. Daniel arap Moi  
Vice President and Minister of Home Affairs  
Government of the Republic of Kenya  
Nairobi, Kenya

Hon. Ambassador  
Embassy of the Republic of Kenya  
Washington, D.C.

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Hon. B.J. Vorster  
Prime Minister  
Groote Schuur  
Cape Town  
Republic of South Africa

May 17, 1978

Dear Sir:

The Board of Directors of the African Studies Association notes with deep concern reports of the actions of the Government of South Africa that prevents Professor Ezekiel Mphahlele from assuming the position offered to him by the University of the North at Turfloop. Such action violates fundamental principles of academic freedom and calls into question the independence and integrity of South Africa's Black universities.

We protest this action and seek additional information from you and others about this deplorable situation.

For the Board of Directors,  
James Duffy  
Executive Secretary

cc: Hon. Willem Cruywagen  
Minister of Education  
House of Parliament  
Republic of South Africa

Mr. Donald Sole  
Ambassador  
Republic of South Africa