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Dear Larry,

I find it difficult to pen my humble feelings about what you have done for me, Kenya and Africa in general. It simply cannot fit in a letter or a book. All that I do, and my organization, the Inter Region Economic Network [IREN Kenya] did and continues to do is owed to your patience and readiness to assist people with ideas - the right ideas.

When I learnt about your birthday, I thought about the first mail I wrote to you way back in September 1997. My note read in part " I was specifically challenged by your story in **The Freeman** July issue about the **Predatory Bogeyman...**" And then followed the questions, " Do you assist individuals who would like to know more about the Free market and individual liberty? And exactly, what does the Mackinac Center for Public Policy do for the citizenship of the world?"

Writing to you now in October 2003, 6 weeks to one of the biggest events ever in the history of Africa to be hosted by the Inter Region Economic Network [IREN Kenya], is a big testimony to the fact that your life already has a big impact in the world. As we get set to host the All Africa Meeting on '**Building Africa Through Trade**' I owe a lot to your patience that led me on the path of knowledge on liberty and free markets. I owe much to your linking me to other think tanks in the United States of America that assisted in the founding of IREN Kenya.

To anybody who might be having similar questions that I asked you in 1997 the answers are in the individuals that believe in liberty here in Africa and around the world that have been mentored by you. Anybody asking what Larry has done for the citizenship of the world and for the underdeveloped countries should not only check on IREN Kenya activities BUT also check for the results of the upcoming All Africa meeting that will sow the seed of liberty and economic freedom throughout Africa.

For Kenya and Africa, your marking 50 years also marks your efforts in introducing ideas of liberty to our part of the world. And as I have always requested, the IREN Kenya office and The Lawrence Reed Library is still waiting for your bust. Happy Birthday Larry!!!

I am honored to be at your feet as your student.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Shikwati". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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