

August 14th, 1964

The Honorable  
Elliott Roosevelt  
721 Dupont Plaza Center  
Miami, Florida 33131

My dear Mr. Roosevelt:

Enclosed is the copy of the letter of invitation to Ambassador Stevenson which Mr. Fleming asked us to send on to you. He has told the Inauguration and Dedication Committee of your offer to bring our invitations to the attention of the President and the Ambassador. We are most grateful for your interest and efforts.

We know that this will be an occasion fitting of these men. We will also be able to carry out the additional mission as outlined by Mr. Flemming in his conversations with you.

Sincerely yours,

Adelaide R. Snyder  
Director of University Relations

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BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

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The Honorable  
Adlai E. Stevenson  
The United States Representative  
to the United Nations  
709 United Nations Plaza  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Inauguration and Dedication Committee of Florida Atlantic University is arranging appropriate ceremonies for November 11 and 12, 1964, to mark the dedication of this new state university and the inauguration of its first president, Dr. Kenneth R. Williams.

This letter is to extend to you our most sincere invitation to be with us on this significant occasion and to deliver the convocation address on the evening of November 11.

Ours is more than a new university - in itself an important challenge in today's world. Florida Atlantic University has been given a mandate to be boldly experimental, to develop new techniques for learning, and to explore many avenues in the development of the intellectual capacities of the individual.

It is the feeling of the committee that in your work with the United Nations you speak with the dedication to the welfare of mankind which we hope to be able to foster in our students. For these reasons, among many others, we would be deeply honored by your acceptance. In return we can assure you of a distinguished audience, including representatives of the academic community and state and community leaders. Among the other speakers during the two-day period will be L.A. Pars, President of Jesus College, Cambridge University. We are hopeful the President of the United States, The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, will be able to deliver the inaugural address on the morning of November 12.

The distinguished guests of the University will be accommodated at the Boca Raton Hotel and Club where the banquet, breakfast and luncheon sessions will be held.



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Situated as we are at the gateway to the Americas, close to the launching site for space exploration, and the jumping-off spot for underwater research, we of Florida Atlantic University believe that our new University, with dedicated effort, may play a significant role in the coming decades. It would be a fitting whetstone to our aspirations if we could look to you to delineate our goals.

We shall anticipate hearing from you and hope that you will be able to accept. Be assured that we will do all in our power to make the occasion memorable and your visit a long-remembered one.

*Adelaide R. Snyder*  
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Sincerely yours,

*Thomas F. Fleming Jr.*  
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August 19, 1964

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I have been asked to acknowledge your letter of August 17th to Mr. Jenkins concerning the invitation extended to the President by Mr. Thomas F. Fleming to attend the Dedication and Inauguration at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, on November 12th.

We appreciate your interest in writing about this matter and the hope for an early decision but it is simply impossible to make even a tentative commitment right now because the fall schedule has not yet been firmed up.

We have it very much in mind, though, and will give Mr. Fleming an answer at the earliest possible time.

With thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Elliott Roosevelt  
721 Dupont Plaza Center  
Miami, Florida

*The enclosed is for your information.*

*No acknowledgement is necessary.*

THOMAS F. FLEMING, JR.



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August 20, 1964

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Dear Mr. Fleming:

Ambassador Stevenson has asked me to thank you for your letter of August 14 inviting him to address the convocation of the Florida Atlantic University on November 11.

The Ambassador is flattered by your invitation, but unfortunately will not be able to be with you, much as he would wish to. The General Assembly is presently scheduled to open November 10 this year, and Ambassador Stevenson will be occupied with official duties on the 11th.

I hope you understand the Ambassador's predicament and will extend his sincere regrets to the Inauguration and Dedication Committee as well as his good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Donald C. Dunham  
Director of Public  
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