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Dear Miriam,

I'm writing in response to your letter to your father .... "uncle Dumile". I realize that you can't help your anger nor your frustration. Twenty years is indeed a long time and you have every right to be annoyed.

I don't know very much about your father's past except to say that he has had good times and very bad times. I met him 3 yrs ago when a friend of mine took me to his studio. We have been in contact on and off since then. about a year ago he moved in with us following his hospitalization. He has stayed here since then.

Let me tell you this. When I first met him he lived alone and he was always talking about his kids; he has been to many institutions trying to get scholarships for you all. He wants you to be able to come over and study here soon, it's been prime on his mind to do this. Your letter saddened him very much because it reminded him of his neglected dues and duties, it reminded him of his family he always talks about and wants to do so much for them but has thus far been