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ABSTRACT

For the past three decades, African countries have been trudging the hard road to the transformation of our continent. This road has been strewn with many impediments requiring, for their removal, the skilful engagement of the human intellect and of the institutions which develop the human resources we badly need. The past three decades coincide with the period in which the University of Ghana has existed as an independent university in Africa.

The transformation of societies is secured through the complex interplay of many elements. In the circumstances of Africa as stated above, what has been the impact of, for example, philosophical and ideological concepts on the intellectuals, science and technology, and the university institution on the transformation of our continent; and how could these variously contribute better to the task? The lectures attempt to address these questions.

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It is a great honour and privilege to me to have been invited to deliver the Aggrey-Fraser-Guggisberg Memorial Lectures 1991. Knowing the singularly high profile of these Lectures and the fact that this year they form part of the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of the University of Ghana, it was with great humility that I accepted the kind invitation of the Vice-Chancellor.

Mr. Chairman, you university people can sometimes be unkind to us "outsiders". You extend an invitation to give Lectures like these; but leave it to the invitee to decide on what to talk about. It is not easy to decide on these things, I can tell you: and when one has decided, you say, OH! what is this? Well, I decided to speak on the theme: **THE HARD ROAD TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF AFRICA.**

There is some explanation about the possible sense of this in the programme brochure. But if the theme and the lectures themselves seem odd to you, I make no apologies for disappointing your expectations!.

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