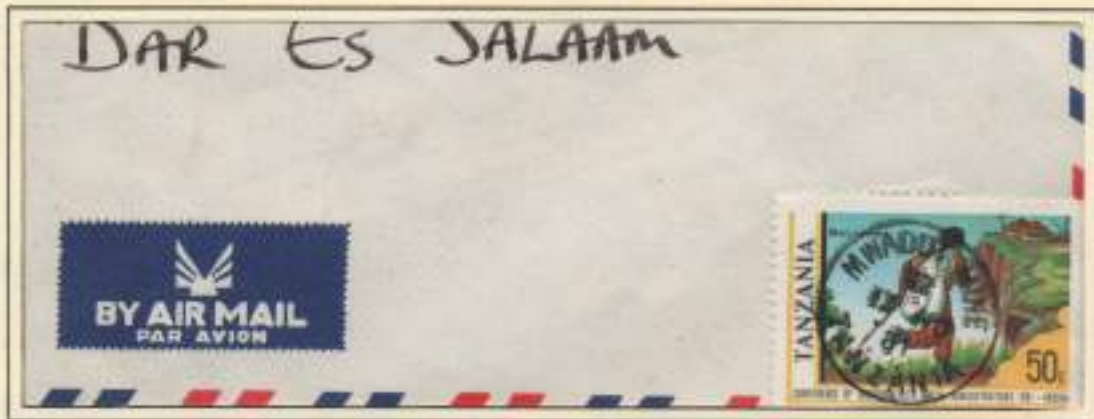


A Gift fit for a Queen

In October 1947 in Tanzania, East Africa, at the Mwadui Diamond mine two young boys found, on the surface, a very large 56.4 carat Pink Diamond. The mine owner, Canadian Geologist John Williamson, decided to give this rare stone to Princess Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her wedding in November 1947.



Cover with postmark from the Mwadui Mine dated November 1981 addressed to VSO Box 6297 Dar Es Salaam



The Mawdui Mine



Pink Diamond



'Brilliant' cut white Diamond

The stone was cut by a craftsman into a 23.6 round brilliant cut stone. It was placed into a Platinum and white Diamond setting as the centre of a Jonquil flower, forming a brooch worn by the Queen to this day.



Diamond craftsman



Meter mark from Baker and Co. Platinum dealers

*Colour shift errors on the UHURU
December 1961 Independence issue*



No Pink



Mis-placed pink



Correct colour, the Pink Diamond



The Queen wearing the Williamson Pink
Diamond Brooch