Office of the President:

21st. July, 1947.

Mr.H.S.Msimang,
Provincial Secretary:
African National Congress.
(Natal Province).

Sir,

I thank you for your letters dated 17th and 18th inst. With reference to the later of the Committee to be in Bhoemfontein, I think we are duty bound to attend the Committee Meeting. We have a very good point because in the matter of Indian co-operation we told the Committee early this year that if they wanted to do justice to this matter they should come to Natal and meet our public. This they have failed to do. We cannot therefore help them to do anything nor could we be forced to subscribe to their views. If we do not attend the Meeting of the Committee they will have the reason to suspect us that we want to undermine their authority.

We shall not lose much because our expenses will be defrayed by the Congress. We shall however, be frank with the Committee and give them the point of view of Natal as we know it. We shall discuss the organisation as we proceed to Bloemfontein. Please postpone our Meeting in favour of the National one.

Yours faithfully,

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