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18th March, 1952.

Mr. J.G. Mocoancoeng,
United Bantu School,
P.O. Box 8,
SENEKAL.

Dear Mr. Mocoancoeng,

I write in reply to your letter of March 13th about the Eiselen Commission Report. This report, which is called "The Report of the Commission on Native Education" is obtainable from the Government Printer, Pretoria. When you write to him, you should include 16/6 - the price of the Report - and also quote the number of the Report which is U.G. 53/1953.

Yours sincerely,

F.J. van Wyk,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

United Bantu School,
P.O.Box 8,
SENEKAL.


13th March, 1952.

The Director,
The S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O.Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

On the 29th November, 1951 I wrote you asking to be sent a copy of the Eiselen Commission report. Your reply of the 5th December, 1951 promised to order me a copy as soon as the report was ready. May I remind you of this request?

Yours faithfully,


J.G. Mocoanco eng.

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11th March 1952.

H. Jowitt Esq.,
University College,
Roma. BASUTOLAND.

Dear Mr. Jowitt,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th February 1952.

I am sorry your letter arrived just after I had asked Mr. Hartshorne, Head of the Training School at Kilnerton, to digest the Native Education Commission Report. I do hope, however, that you will be able to attend our conference which is to take place on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd July, 1952 in Johannesburg. We have not yet organized the Conference but we shall undoubtedly call upon you to help us if you will be so good.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte

DIRECTOR

University College,
Roma,
Basutoland.
29th February, 1952.

Quintin Whyte Esq:
Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations.

Dear Mr Whyte,

Mr. Whyte

I do not know whether you have already appointed anyone to review for you, the Eiselen Commission Report, but, if not, and if I could be of any use, please let me know. Since Parliament has agreed to defer decisions concerning it, it occurred to me that you were probably having it analysed in some detail.

I have sent for it, but my copy has not yet arrived.

With kind regards,
sincerely yours,

H. Jowitt
H. Jowitt.

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20th April, 1951.

The Secretary for Education,
Union Education Department,
PRETORIA.

Dear Mr. van der Walt,

I understand that the Native Education Commission Report is now signed. The Institute is very anxious to produce a summary of it as soon as possible, and I wondered whether you would be good enough to lend us a copy of the report so that the publication of our summary would coincide with the publication of the report. Our summary would reach a wide circle. My Executive Committee will be very grateful if you will be good enough to do this.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR.

FINDINGS ON THE REPORT OF THE COLOURED EDUCATION
COMMISSION 1953 - 1956.

The recommendations of the Commission have given general satisfaction to those concerned with the progress of education in the Cape Province. In particular, the Institute welcomes the clear and forthright statement that there is no special differentiated education known as Coloured Education.

The Commission has analysed the present unsatisfactory condition of education for Coloured children and recommends compulsory education, the raising of the educational standards of entrants to the teaching profession, improved medical and school inspection, special classes for deviate children, an increase in the number of schools and more funds for libraries and other similar services. The Institute supports these recommendations. Compulsory education should, in the opinion of the Institute, be introduced without delay, and the recommendation of the Commission to apply it to children between the ages of 7 and 14 should be regarded as the first step towards raising the age of compulsion to the same as that for European children.

While the Institute welcomes the recommendation that the qualifications of teachers should be improved, it points out that the teaching profession will attract recruits of the best type only if the present salaries are raised.

On the subject of the erection of more schools, the Institute would suggest that, in addition to the recommendations made by the Commission, where there are new housing estates, schools should be simultaneously built in the area.

Vocational training in industrial areas for pupils of 14 years or older who have passed Standard V and in a few country towns training of mechanics in agriculture are recommended. The Institute hopes that these recommendations will be followed by the establishment of trade schools and agricultural colleges.

Although the Commission makes no recommendation with regard to the source of the greatly increased funds which will be required to finance the improvements set out in the Report, nevertheless, the Institute places on record its opposition to the removal of the education of Coloured pupils from the control of the Cape Provincial Administration to that of the Union Government.

The Institute welcomes the suggestion that the provincial authorities should progressively assume responsibility for a state-wide system of education for Coloured children, provided that there is no derogation from the right of Churches to conduct their own schools.

The Institute regrets that no Coloured educationist was appointed to the Commission, as has been done in the past.

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Cape Town: 18th January 1957.

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14th January, 1949.

Dr. P. A. W. Cooke.
Union Education Department,
New Standard Bank Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Dr. Cooke,

I enclose for your records a copy of the evidence submitted
by the Institute to the Adult Education Commission in 1945.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whytes
DIRECTOR.

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Correspondence to be addressed to
the Director.

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The Director,
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P.O. Box 97,
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Dear Mr. Whyte,

I wish to thank you for a copy of the evidence submitted by the
Institute to the Adult Education Commission in 1945.

Yours sincerely,

P.J. O'Neil
for DIRECTOR.

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