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Dear Councillor,

re Emergency Conference of All Africans:

This Conference is called as a desire of and in consultation and concurrence with Councillor Matthews and others.

It is intended to give the Councillors a chance to meet separately in committee to review their position after hearing the diverse views of the Conference.

We realize that the notice is very short but the decision was taken late and the only suitable dates were the 6th and 7th October.

We have no doubt about the good attendance of the masses as they take the situation very seriously and look forward to the opportunity of meeting and hearing the Councillors,

We hope you also do.

Councillor Professor Matthews asked me to write you and urge you to attend. It is important that you do so that the Conference will not say you ran away when there is an opportunity for consultation.

Up North here many organisations have cancelled Provincial Conferences, some of us personal engagements. The replies have already come from the coast indicating readiness to attend.

If there is any financial difficulty for the fare do not let that deter you. Borrow the money if need be; we shall refund. I have arranged for that.

Cancel all your previous engagements on those dates.

Yours for the National Cause.

A. B. Xuma

President-General
African National Congress.

P.S. I regret it was not possible to consult you before taking this decision but the matter is such importance and of such value to Congress itself that I have no doubt you will sup-

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port it. Here in the Transvaal the African National Congress Annual Conference has been postponed. Even the A.D.P. postponed their meeting. I hope and urge you in Natal to do the same.

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Yours for the National Cause

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