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Dr. J. D. Rheinallt Jones  
South African Institute of Race Relations  
P. O. Box 97  
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Dr. Rheinallt Jones:

Mr. Roy has handed to me your important letter of September 2nd saying that, although the South African Institute has not yet raised any funds for the proposed Loram Fellowship, you hope that we will continue the \$20 conditional appropriation on our budget for the year. We have thought it best to let the subscription lapse. You may, however, be sure that if the Fellowship Plan is revived and a considerable amount of money raised toward it, we shall be glad to arrange to send the proposed contribution.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Allen Stokes*

APS  
RLH

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## C. T. LORAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

The late Dr. C. T. Loram was well known to many South Africans, who admired his consistently devoted and capable work for the Bantu throughout South Africa. Dr. Loram gave himself to the cause of Bantu progress, particularly in the educational field as Chief Inspector of Education, Superintendent of Education, and member of the Native Affairs Commission.

In his later years, as Professor of Race Relations at Yale University, and throughout his life as speaker and writer, he worked unsparingly for these causes.

His name should be particularly honoured in Natal, where he was born, and to which he devoted many of the best years of his life. Not only Bantu education, but education generally in the Province owes much to him.

It is proposed to erect at Adams College a Library building to bear his name. This Library building would house the College Library, have rooms for reading and study and house the Administrative offices. For

this LORAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY a sum of £5,000 is required.

We would ask the people of South Africa generally and of Natal particularly, to consider the debt they owe to the late Dr. Loram. As School Inspector, and Superintendent of Education, he influenced the lives of all those who over a considerable number of years passed through the schools of Natal; his work on the Native Affairs Commission left the Bantu people everywhere in his debt; as the first chairman of the South African Institute of Race Relations, he helped materially the vital cause of inter-racial goodwill in South Africa.

Many of those who feel their gratitude to Dr. Loram most are unable to contribute as they would wish. We suggest that others who appreciate the work he did and the motives that inspired it will be glad to help us to raise at Adams College a fitting memorial to a great South African.

E. H. BROOKES,  
Principal, Adams College.  
MAURICE WEBB,  
Chairman, Advisory Board.

CHARLES T. LORAM MEMORIAL  
FUND.

I enclose £.....  
as a contribution to the fund for the  
erection of a Loram Memorial Library  
at Adams College.

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Please detach and forward to the Treasurer,  
Adams College, P.O. Adams Mission Station,  
Natal, or to Maurice Webb, P.O. Box 731,  
Durban.

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Dear Cherrillt Jones:

All love to you  
and Mrs Jones and the  
daughter. Dr. Stokes and  
I are much interested  
in your plan for a Loan  
Memorial. Dr. Crookes  
has proposed a Library  
Memorial. Both seem  
to us very worth-while.

We are all missing our  
beloved Loan. It seems  
that must soon come  
rushing in again with  
his good cheer!

I am longing to visit  
South Africa. This  
dreadful war is a  
trial of our faith. God  
save Britain is our prayer  
Sincerely  
Thomas Jones Jones



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The Hon. J. D. Rheinallt Jones  
P. O. Box 97  
Johannesburg, South Africa

My dear Dr. Rheinallt Jones:

Dr. Jones and I have received your letter of October 17th, telling us about the plan for a Loram Fellowship with a capital sum of about £8,000 or £10,000. The plan seems to us a most worthy and appropriate one. By the same mail comes a similar appeal from Principal Brookes for the Loram Memorial Library at Adams College, also a most worthy undertaking.

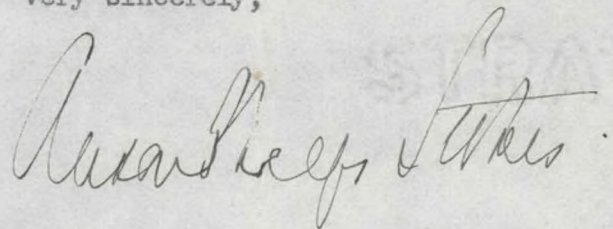
Dr. Jones and I both feel that we should cooperate in a modest way with both of these projects, and so will recommend them to the Executive Committee when it has its next meeting late in January or early in February. Our subscription will have to be a small one because of our many commitments and our reduced income. ((

I am informing the Carnegie Corporation and Yale University as to these two interesting projects, thinking that they should know of them. I cannot, of course, tell whether they can aid them in any way either directly or indirectly, but I believe that they will at least be interested for Dr. Loram was highly regarded here.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

APS  
RLH



17th October, 1940.

Dr. T. Jesse Jones,  
Phelps Stokes Fund,  
101 Park Avenue,  
NEW YORK,  
U.S.A.

It has been on my mind to write to you for some time. Indeed, I have actually begun letters to you, but always there has been interruption. The arrival of the Phelps Stokes Fund's grant to the Institute of Race Relations has now given me a fresh impulse.

In the first place I wish to convey to the Trustees, through you, the sincere thanks of the Executive Committee of this Institute for the continued practical interest shown by the Trustees in the work of the Institute. We realise that the Fund has a great many demands on it, and that the continuance of the grant is all the more a gratifying sign of interest and confidence.

The Institute has become a very considerable body, and its influence has grown steadily. Our greatest difficulty to-day is to respond to the increasing calls on our services as a result of the growing influence of the Institute. We are now almost expected as a matter of course to undertake responsibility for initiating new developments, and it is not always appreciated that our staff are working far beyond their physical strength.

It is significant that we are now appealed to from the Rhodesias, Nyasaland and Kenya to extend our work and organisation to those territories, and the War has not stopped these appeals.

We still carry the Joint Councils to a considerable extent, and I send you by this mail a copy of the findings of two regional conferences organised by the Institute earlier this year. We wish we could set aside one man entirely for such work, but, as a matter of fact we have lost members of our staff who have gone to do War work.

The death of Dr. Loram came as a great shock to us all - as no doubt it must have come to you and his other

- friends -

friends there. It is comforting to learn that he died with a book in his hand. I am sure that he would not have had his passing otherwise. I am afraid he must have had many a sad reflection upon his memories of South Africa, for he never received the recognition here due to him for all he tried to do. His friends knew how he laboured, but he was unfortunate in his association with a Government Commission that was, at that time, sterile and increasingly anti-pathetic to Loram and his ideas.

But there are signs that his work is bearing fruit, and I have received letters urging that his memory should be kept green. I had had in mind the possibility of linking Loram's name with some aspect or other of the Institute's work, and the one that seemed most suitable was my project for the establishment of a Fellowship under the Institute, to which an African graduate could be elected for 2 or 3 years, and given training in methods of investigation of specific problems or in the organisation of social welfare work. I have had in mind for some time that those who went to Yale from here should be given such training on their return as would "clinch" their preparation for leadership. I had hoped to be ready to employ Selby Ngcobo in such a manner, but the War had prevented this development. When I placed before the Institute Executive Committee the letters I had received suggesting that some memorial to Loram under the Institute, the Executive warmly endorsed the idea of a Loram Fellowship. We should require a minimum of £250 a year for this, or a capital sum of £3/10,000

Unfortunately, the great drives for War funds will make it impossible to make an appeal for such a fund, but we shall aim at interesting possible donors in the scheme.

Are there any sources in the United States from which we might obtain help for the Loram Fellowship? We shall be most grateful for any advice and information you will give us.

The training of outstandingly able Africans in constructive work seems to us to be the most vital need of the African people at this moment. Not one of their organisations has a competent worker, and they are all in consequence, sporadic and ineffective.

I hope you are keeping well and that these anxious days are not taking too heavy a toll upon your mind and energies.

With very kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

JDRJ/MM

Encl. Findings of Regional Conferences

Dr. J. J. Ferguson, Phelps Stokes Fund, 107 Park Avenue,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Ferguson,

Memorial to the late Dr. Luman

Several correspondents have written suggesting that ~~there should be some~~ a memorial to Dr. Luman's great efforts on behalf of the African people should be recognized in through some form of memorial, & that as he was one of the founders of the Institute, this memorial should be associated with the Institute.

These are very difficult times & it is not easy for the Executive Committee of the Institute to consider ~~any~~ ~~the~~ undertake any <sup>new</sup> considerable responsibilities. At the same time ~~the~~ the need for the Institute is not only no less than it has been, ~~it is indeed~~ but ~~the~~ the tasks are going to be more different in the coming years, & ~~only~~ we shall <sup>require all the</sup> ~~need~~ faith, courage & hard work ~~but~~ we can command in order to fulfil the Institute's mission. The association of Dr. Luman's name with some aspect of the Institute's work would give inspiration and perhaps enable us to do what we could not otherwise undertake.

As  
~~Since~~ Dr. Luman's letter

years were devoted to the training of men who  
for leadership, & as our own Africans  
have profited from this training, it seems  
to us that the most fitting memorial to  
Dr. Lynam would be a Fellowship under the  
Institute to enable the Institute to  
give trained Africans opportunities for  
service. No ~~for~~ organisation which is  
purely African can at present employ  
a trained African for <sup>the</sup> service of his own  
people, ~~and yet~~ as none has the financial  
resources, & none is properly organised. A

~~There are certain specific~~  
~~fields of service in which trained Africans,~~  
~~and he would be invaluable at the~~  
~~present time.~~ Fellowship under the  
Institute, tenable for three years at a time,  
would enable the Institute to <sup>support</sup> ~~oppose~~  
trained Africans for specific service  
for Africans. For example, the last of  
Dr. Lynam's group of students included Mr.  
Kelly Agobo, a member of the staff of  
Hamas College, who ~~has~~ <sup>is very well</sup> equipped  
~~himself~~ for service, either as a teacher  
or as a social worker. He is anxious  
to find service other than teaching, &

from all accounts, he seems to have the makings of a sound leader. If the Institute could offer him <sup>say</sup> a Harvard Fellowship of, say, \$300. a year, it would be possible to send him to organize ~~over~~ either the African National Congress or ~~the~~ <sup>one of the</sup> social welfare ~~or~~ movements now springing up amongst Africans, such as the care of the blind. Within the three years he should, <sup>with the help of the Institute</sup> be able to ~~carry~~ <sup>continue</sup> the work with funds secured, put the organization on a permanent footing & continue his work under its auspices.

A beginning in the use of ~~the~~ trained Africans are now being made by the Institute. A <sup>special</sup> grant from the Carnegie Corporation is making it possible for the Institute to ~~employ~~ <sup>employ</sup> an African as a ~~librarian's~~ <sup>assistant</sup> & to arrange with the University of the Witwatersrand to ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~help~~ <sup>help</sup> in training him for the Diploma in Librarianship. He should then be qualified ~~for employment~~ <sup>to help</sup> in developing library services for Africans.



Through the generosity of <sup>personal</sup> friends  
myself is about to train the Institute is  
placing two recently returned African young  
women, who will graduate at Fort Hare  
in December, under my wife's direction  
for training in social welfare work.

A Swann Fellowship under  
the Institute would enable the Institute  
to ~~undertake~~ use trained Africans in  
ways which I am sure would have  
given particular pleasure to our late  
friend.

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