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Office of the President:

22nd. July, 1947.

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Provincial Secretary,
A.N. Congress Natal Branch,
374 C, Church Street,
P.M. Burg.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter dated the 21st inst. enclosing a circular letter which is from the African National Congress about the Boycott Resolution. The whole thing is discouraging to see people sitting down in offices, ignorant of the position of the masses with their Chiefs trying to dictate to people who know better.

You have received the Minutes of the 1st. February. Apart from the resolutions and press publicity no effort has been made to get the members of the public to know and act upon them. Some people believe that what matters a great deal is what is published in the press. I can never be stampeded by this ignorant group. If I succeed to book my seat for Friday 8 p.m. and return Sunday 9.25 p.m. to be back in Durban on Monday I shall be thankful. We shall go there to let them know that they stand the chance of losing Natal. On the boycott Resolution and General Smuts' statement, I shall not allow myself as a Councillor to be dictated to by those who are not my electors nor do I wish to resign my position as a Councillor. I would be the first to do either of these two if I was satisfied that we had the masses behind us. What happened at Transkei should have opened the eyes of these people. That is my point of view.

Yours faithfully,

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