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2nd May, 1955.

Mrs. Henderson, Welfare Section, Non-European Affairs Department, JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mrs. Henderson,

re: William Nikiwe

I shall be pleased if you will look into this case and assist bearer. The following are the circumstances surrounding his case:

He is a registered plot-owner at No.11142 section A.T. Moroka West. He was given a site in 1953 but as he was living on the premises of his wife's employer, he did not build on it immediately. Recently he laid the foundations of a hut and started building but the heavy rains of last season caught him before he had put the roof on and the walls fell down.

While he was thinking of re-building the walls, his wife gave birth to a premature baby, and her mistress who ordinarily would have taken her back immediately after confinement, felt she could not expect her to work until the baby is strong enough, has advised her to rest for three months and return after the baby is one month old.

As she has no home of her own, she went to live temporarily with an aunt Mrs. T. Ntsiko in Jabavu at No. 994"A" Moroka West.

Mrs. Ntsiko, to keep within the law, went to her superintendent and sought a temporary permit for three months to give her and her husband protection against arrest should the police find them in the house.

As you will, no doubt, realise, turning this man's family out of Mrs. Ntsiko's house and asking them to go and live in their own house, is to turn the wife out into the street with an infant of seven days.

I shall be pleased if you will assist and get Mr. Fox to permit them to remain with their aunt for the three months.

Yours faithfully.

W.B. Ngakane, FIELD OFFICER.

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