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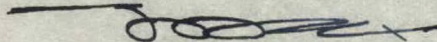
Dezr Xuma:

Thank you for your note of July 4th. I write briefly to let you know that I shall be in England from July 31st to August 10th. I shall go to the Thackeray Hotel, Great Russell Street and hope very much that we may see each other while I am there.

I shall ask my wife if there is any information which I should take on to you and if necessary I shall make a call on persons who may desire to send you further information.

I have much to discuss with you and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,



Max Yergan

MY:H

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17, CAMDEN HILL GARDENS,

KENSINGTON, W. 8.

Race Relations

20 July 1938

Dear Dr. Xuma,

As I hope you are now free from examination preoccupations, I am writing to ask whether you would be inclined to come here to dinner at 7.30 next Saturday evening or to tea at 5 or supper at 7.30 next Sunday. We should be very pleased to see you if you can come, & I should much like to have a further talk about South African matters.

Yours sincerely,
Alfred F. Fox

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July 20th., 1938

Race Relations

Dear Dr. Xuma,

I am writing to enquire whether you will be in this country next January, when we are holding the Missionary Exhibition described in the enclosed leaflet. If so, we should be most grateful for your help in particular at a debate we are planning on the subject "Is the attitude of the South African Government to the Natives justifiable?". We feel thos is nearly related to the Missionary enterprise, and a subject about which there is a great deal of ignorance. Even if you should not yourself be here, you may perhaps be able to suggest the name of a Native exponent who could speak with real knowledge of the matter? We really want a reasoned statement from both angles.

We shall be most grateful for any help you feel able to give us.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

F.P.Harris

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20th July, 1938.

Dr. A. B. Zuma,
London School of Hygiene and
Tropical Medicine,
Keppell Street,
W. C. 1.

IMPORTANT
IN YOUR REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE :
P.M.RK/CS.

Race Relations

Dear Dr. Zuma,

The Joint Secretary of our British Overseas Sub-Committee, Mr. R. S. Lazarus, has asked me to send you some information about the work of our Council.

I enclose a little of our literature and would particularly direct your attention to a report on a Conference which we held last October on "Civil Liberty in India".

As you are interested in our work I hope that you will join us as a Member and so help to support us in the defence of civil rights, both in the Country and in the Colonies, and Dominions.

Yours sincerely,

Ronald Kidd

Secretary.

Northern Ireland :
PROF. R. M. HENRY
PROF. A. MACBEATH

ABX. 380723

2-15th Avenue

Alexandra Township

P. O. Bergvlei

Johannesburg. S.A.

23rd July 1933

Dear Dr. Hume

I thank you for your letter of congratulations for passing at Benoni.

Dr. Anning's influence has had a weight on the Director of the Technical College. The college has now opened classes for non-Europeans at Benoni and Johannesburg. I registered at Benoni as I did not want to miss Dr. Anning & Galis lectures on sanitation; of course Benoni opened a month before Johannesburg's classes.

Since I received your letter Alexandra's removal has appeared in the press several times. It is true that a scheme and estimates for its removal is under consideration. Officially the Committee has not been informed.

We do miss you amongst us doctor. Personally I do believe that the Small-pox incidence would not have been what it was at Alexandra, had you been here.

On the other hand I am glad that it happened when you were not to blame.

Since the 12th July the Committee's non-European staff has been taking census in the Township.

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Under Section 19 of The Native Laws Amendment Act 1937.

The school teachers were appointed as Enumerators, and ~~as~~ when the residents threatened to protest against the taking of census, the teachers resigned.

I am keeping a form for your information when you return.

That you should carry home the laurels of the D.P.H. is the sincere prayer of your servant.

Yours sincerely
H. Thipe

Personal ABX. 380728

Per

TREESBANK ESTATE,
P. O. BOX 4789,
JOHANNESBURG, S.A.

28. 7. 38

Dear Dr Xhuma.

Thank you for your letter
of 18th June. So far Alexandra
is quiet and I cannot see that
the township can be moved at any
time. The seepage will be too great.

I enclose a draft for £75
which will help you to get
home again. I hope you have

by now finished with your beams;
if not then good luck to you.
With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Lilian M. Campbell

Raw Relations

ABX. 380730a

7, Bradmore Road
Oxford

July 30, 1938

Dear Brother Xuma:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter -- similar to several others that have been sent out -- which explains itself. Brother Nyabongo and I would be most happy to have you join us at the meeting on Sunday night. I shall be pleased if you would kindly drop me a line stating whether or not you can arrange to be present with us.

Fraternally yours,

William Leo Hansberry

ABX. 3807306

personal.

11, West Road
Cambridge
c/o Mrs. Lilley

30th July 1938.

My dear Bitini,

I wonder whether you would have written this not very friendly letter I got yesterday knowing what a very difficult time I just had to overcome after I got to know last week that my Indian plan had come to an end. I am not blaming you nor any other thing like that but I was sorry thinking how little confidence there was and whether I had done anything which could have lead you to such an attitude

of resignation.

I know how difficult time is for you just now. Sitting in dull London, doing work and preparations for an examination you hoped you had finished in June, not being in America, not knowing what future will look like and having not many friends with you.

I am coming back to London at the end of next week.

I have a German friend with me at the moment and should like you to meet her. I very much ask you to help me to arrange a meeting between the 5th and 8th.

I shall let you know more definite about it either phoning with you (I forgot your number) or writing again. I am a little bit overworked

at the moment therefore
only this short note but
with much
yours W.

7, Bradmore Road
Oxford
July 29, 1938

Dr. Risien Russell
44 Wimpole Street
London, W. 1.

Dear Dr. Russell:

A short while ago Prince Nyabongo spoke to you concerning a proposal to establish in England a chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He no doubt presented to you something of the history, purposes and aims of the fraternity, and mentioned the nature of its far-reaching program and the outstanding character of its personnel. The achievements of Alpha Phi Alpha and the distinctions attained by many of its members in the social and professional life of our group and of the nation have combined to make it the pre-eminent organization of its kind among university-trained men of the United States.

With the view of forging a link which would promote a deeper understanding and create a stronger bond of friendship between the university and professional men of our group on the two sides of the Atlantic, the General Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha, assembled in biennial session in New Orleans, Louisiana, in December 1937, authorized Prince Nyabongo and me to inquire into the feasibility of establishing a chapter of the organization in England, and, if our findings warranted, to proceed with the plan.

It was in accordance with the Convention's action and authorization that Prince Nyabongo spoke to you concerning this matter. As you indicated an interest in participating in the realization of this undertaking, he left with you a copy of the Sphinx, the official monthly publication of the fraternity, and informed you that you would subsequently receive more definite word of the proposal.

I am pleased, therefore, to inform you that plans have been completed for the inauguration of the proposed chapter. The meeting for the affiliation of charter members with the new chapter and their introduction into the fraternity will be held on Sunday August 7, 1938, at 8:30 P.M. at the Student Movement House, 32 Russell Square, London, W.C. 1. We hope that this arrangement will be convenient for you.

(2)

It will be a pleasure to welcome you into the fraternity at that time, and to extend to you the fellowship of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Very sincerely yours,

William Leo Hansberry
Former President, Sigma Chapter,
Harvard University
Former President, Mu Lambda Chapter,
Howard University

P.S. Please reply at your earliest convenience to Prince Nyabongo, The Queen's College, Oxford.

W. L. H.

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

Memorandum on Initiation Fees

The official fee for initiation into the chapter is \$2.00. This fee is payable, in accordance with the by-laws of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, at the time of admission into the organization. This payment 1) establishes the initiate's membership in the General Organization; 2) entitles him to the privileges of taking part in the activities of the various chapters throughout the United States; 3) entitles him to receive the official history of the fraternity; 4) provides one year's subscription to the Sphinx, the official publication of the organization.

The payment of fees will be acknowledged by the General Secretary of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, who will forward a membership card and other credentials to each new member.

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A. N. C.
18/8/38

To Xuma
London

Ntabethemba

CRADOCK, Cape
South Africa
18-8-1938

My dear Doctor,

No one can imagine the joy I had in my heart when I received your letter this morning.

I am sure you do not know the difficulties that confront those who are trying to establish the sense leadership among our people.

Tribalism and poverty are two of the most outstanding obstacles I have had a two years' rest given me by my Church to effect a complete cure of T. B. trouble I once had, but to the annoyance of my doctor I could not sit still and look on while the Anti-God forces of political hysteria were working their way towards a complete annihilation of our people.

The doctor has however pronounced me "cured" and I have resumed duties at Cradock again.

I appreciate very much what you say and I have a great hope that in you the African people have found the leader they are looking for.

As for myself I have spent all my money in trying to resuscitate the Congress and I can say that I have every confidence that my labours have not altogether been in vain, but I can not do more. I am too poor even to try to go further. I hope some way will be found which will enable us to meet just by ourselves before you meet the African leaders as a whole. There are many things I should like to discuss with you.

Yours for Africa
James A. Calata

undated

SAMUEL INSULL - The Other Side

As I Knew Him.

African Appreciation and Gratitude.

I am a full blooded African born and bred at Manzana, Engcobo, Cape Province, South Africa.

I later emigrated to America in search of opportunities for higher and professional education. America was the only place as far as I was made to understand that would give one a chance to earn money towards educating oneself.

I wanted education in order to lead and serve my people.

I had no money but ambition with courage and determination which could be better described as "blissful ignorance". I call it 'Blissful ignorance' because I doubt if I would now face, with present knowledge, the difficulties I encountered and overcame.

Whatever I accomplished was providential.

I was struggling through the Northwestern University Medical School during 1923-124 when I was introduced through the instance of Mr. Grover Little of the Y.M.C.A. in Chicago to Mr. Samuel Insull.

Dr. Justus Matthews of Minneapolis, Minnesota, had paid my tuition.

I wanted a loan for 300 dollars to assist defray my current expenses. I had no security in the world but my face. Mr. Insull heard my story sympathetically but suddenly put on his stern business face and told us with Mr. P.J. Enroe that he did not have that much money and that if someone-else could be found to assist with \$175 he, Mr. Insull, would give the other half.

Mr. Mc. Enroe and I then approached the late Mr. Victor Lawson then Publisher of the Chicago daily news through his Secretary Mr. Rogers with success.

I deposited the \$300⁰⁰ with Mr. P.J. Mc Enroe as Secretary-Treasurer of the fund. I would draw on him from time to time until the amount was used up.

Upon completing my Medical course at Northwestern University Medical School, I went to report to Mr. Insull - mind you, I said nothing and ~~was~~ never said anything since about repayment of the loan.

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Y. M. C. A.

September 2, 1938

Dr. A.B.Xuma
London School of Hygiene
and Tropical Medicine
Keppel Street - Gower Street W.C. 1
London, England

Dear Xuma:

On reaching the office this morning I found your wonderfull letter and hasten to tell you we were very much disappointed in learning that you were returning to South Africa direct, which means we were deprived of a visit with you.

You will be interested to know that we had a visit with Max Yergen when he spoke at the International Relations Conference the last of June. We will never forget our happy visit with you a year ago and I should very much enjoy a close personal correspondence with you.

Yes our mutual friend, Mr. Insull, has gone to his great reward. I think it would have been quite appropriate for you to have sent a tribute to the Associated Press representing Africa. On your return when time permits, would you prepare such an article and send it to me and let me take it to the Chicago Daily News. I will also present a copy to Mr. Insull's son. Therefore be sure and send your statement to me and I will have it printed and return several copies to you and let you know quite frankly the comments from the public.

We enjoy and prize deeply your friendship. My very best wishes to you as you return to Africa.

Cordially yours,

Grover J. Little
Grover J. Little

personal ABX. 380910

10 Sept '38.

POST CARD

BARB
ALL-YE
SUNSHINE



ADDRESS

Dear Xena
Just to let you

know that I am now in Barbados - we arrived here last night. we had a lovely trip.

How are you getting on with all the work? I wish you the best of luck in the coming year.

Do drop me a line at Trinidad when you can through? In sincere affection,
Alice Stewart.

J. R. B. Xena
London School of
Tropical Medicine.
Keppel St
Swiss St
London W.C.1

Knights Ltd., City Pharmacy, Barbados.



AVENUE OF PALMS, BARBADOS.

22. 9. 38

My dear 'X.'

I need not tell you how happy I was to receive your note. I had time and time again begun to wonder what had happened to you and whether America whandom had swallowed you up. I am glad to see from your note that the call of Africa is still as strong as ever, and that were it not for that beastly exam you would take the next boat back.

I do wish you all success in your exam, my friend. It will be a great achievement if you come back with that B.P.H. You will have set us all an ideal to aim up to. None of us (apart from Prostitutes) have as yet gone back and done P.G. work and yet it is a thing we should do, if for no other reason, just to show our colleagues that we too can get anywhere they get too and that "grey matter" under a "curly scalp" can function

is exactly the same manner as in
any other scalp!

You may probably have learnt that
since you left I was given a job as
Asst. District Surgeon. This was the result
of a visit to these parts of Sir E. Thomson
just before his retirement. It was a
courageous step on his part, for evidently
there has been no small amount of work
behind the scenes to extend the "White Labour
policy" even to the professions. I shall
explain the whole affair to you some day
when we can have a personal chat.

The post itself does not mean very much
in cash - only a matter of £120 to £150 p.a. inclusive
of fees etc. But what I think matters more
is the principle of the thing. The term "Assistant"
is deceptive because I am Asst. to nobody
but directly responsible to the Minister
himself. The term is merely used to
safeguard against what Storm it might
raise in the minds of some of our politicians.

I am also looking forward to a time
when I shall be able to make a
trip overseas for further study. I am
however, afraid that this will not be

For some time yet: - probably after 1940
as Yolisa (now 16 months) and Irene also
wish to see something of life over there.
Yes there are still only THREE of us
in the family and I am enclosing
a Post Card of you. All I need now,
I think, is a Son and heir and then
we are settled for life!

Yes our Stali was down here in his
Plymouth a couple of months ago. He gave
every indication of being in a flourishing
condition. How much of it is "bluff" it
is of course very difficult to say. But it
is perhaps fortunate for him that Pearl at
present has a post. She is engaged in
teaching at the Hospital at Lardale.
She and all the children are at Killamang.
So he has some of that responsibility on
his shoulders - Some people are lucky!

How are your little ones? You must
just be dying to be with them again.

Irene is at present away at Grahamstown
where her Grandmother is seriously ill.

She has been away for about three weeks, but expects to be back this Sunday.

My mother and Yohisa have been keeping house for me. Mother, after her return from Scotland three weeks ago, has had an operation done for Glaucoma. She is improving now and is feeling easier a good deal. She asks me to remember her to you.

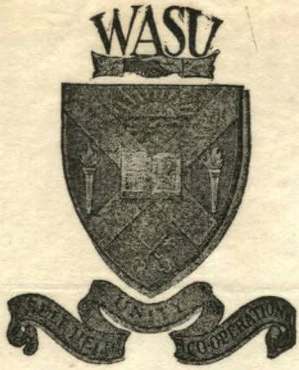
I must close now and again wish you the very best of luck and all success.

Ever your friend

H. T. Roberts

WEST AFRICAN STUDENTS' UNION

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Memo From The Warden

AFRICA HOUSE,
1, SOUTH VILLAS,
CAMDEN SQUARE,
LONDON, N.W.1.

Clerkwell
+ occasional

5th Oct. 1938Dr. Xuma

Dear Dr. Xuma,

Your phone message was delivered.
But you must please give us a chance of saying
goodbye to you and therefore I beg to request
you to be good enough as to accept ^{invitation to our}
farewell function in honour of both your
goodself and Mr. J.R. Rathebe to be fixed
held on a day convenient with both of you
next week (provided you will not have
sailed by the end of this week, nor up to
the middle of or throughout next week).

Please let me know by the end of this
week what date next week will be
convenient with you for this function
and oblige. If you fix a date I
can have a talk with Mr. Rathebe and
I believe he will be able to accomodate him-
self to it. It is at this function I suggest you
should ^{try} and ~~your~~ address the Students.
Awaiting your reply per phone or otherwise,
Yours sincerely
Ladipo Solanke
Warden

ABX 381010

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PROVIDENT BUILDINGS,

108, FOX STREET,

JOHANNESBURG,

TRANSVAAL.

10th October 1938.

WHEN TELEPHONING OR CALLING
WITH REFERENCE TO THIS LETTER
PLEASE ASK FOR

Mr. McEwan.

*Religion - A.M.E
Church*

Dr. A. M. Xuma,
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine,
Keppel Street,
Gower Street,
LONDON, W.C.1.

Dear Sir,

Re Yourself versus Rev. Wright.

We enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter which we have today received from our correspondents in Cape Town. If you have Dr. Simms letter dated 6th January, 1936, in your possession we should be glad if you would forward it to us.

Yours faithfully,

McEwan, Fearnhead & Pinkerton.

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Copy.

7th October, 1938.

Messrs McEwan, Fearnhead & Pinkerton,
P.O.Box 3324,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sirs,

Re Dr. A. B. Xuma versus Rev R. R. Wright.

We refer to our letter of the 24th August last and have to report that as we were uncertain whether we should sue the Church direct or Rev. Wright in his capacity as Bishop administrating the affairs of the Church in Capetown, summons was not issued.

We wrote him asking him to call on us on his return to Capetown. We accordingly interviewed him this morning and feel sure that we definitely have no claim against Bishop Wright personally as he was at all times acting purely on behalf of the Church. From what he told us, it seems as if with regard to delegates going to the Conference in America, the procedure is as follows: - The Conference is called in South Africa and delegates nominated to represent South Africa at the Conference in America. When the delegates are approved of, the Church makes the necessary arrangements for fares, etc.

According to Bishop Wright, Mrs Morake, to whom our

client

advanced the amount now claimed, was never nominated as a delegate for America, although in our client's letter to you dated 21st September, 1937, he states that the money was advanced at the request of the presiding Bishop Simms by letter dated 6th January 1936. Bishop Wright assures us that should such letter of authority be produced, he will do all in his power to have the money refunded to our client. Bishop Wright informed us that he understands that Dr. Xuma is returning to South Africa shortly.

Will you kindly get into touch with client and find out whether he has in his possession the letter from Dr. Simms, dated 6th January 1936, requesting him to advance the money, and if so, to forward same to us when we have no doubt we will recover the amount due to client.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed Dichmont & Dichmont

ABX. 381019
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Dear Dr. Huma,

I have just heard that you will land on Friday & be back in Johannesburg on Saturday.

We have planned a little party 5-6-30 on Saturday evening for those who have been associated with Dr. Mrs. Dexter Taylor in various work & Committees to say goodbye to them.

If you are back & it isn't troubling you too much we should be delighted if you would join us - it would give us an immediate opportunity of welcoming you back.

My husband will be leaving the
next week for a few weeks in
England.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Edith M. Jones

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