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Roux
Euglena,
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14 January 1946.

Dear Mr. Rheinallt Jones,

I should like very much to help with the agricultural section of the Race Relations Year Book, but I feel that I am not competent to write on agriculture as a whole. I might be able (with the assistance of the Institute's information department) to handle the subject of Native agriculture as such, but there are things like the role of African, Indian, and Coloured labour in S. African agriculture of which I have no special knowledge. On the general questions of land economics, the Land Acts, activities of the marketing boards, etc. I am sure you and other members of the Institute are far more competent to write.

I enclose an outline of the sort of article I should be prepared to tackle if you would like me to do so. Please let me know soon, as I expect to leave for Angöla within a week or two and to be away for a couple of months.

May I congratulate you on the idea of a Race Relations Year Book.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

E.R. ROUX.

OUTLINE OF ARTICLE ON AGRICULTURE IN THE NATIVE AREAS.

- (1) Description of the Native Reserves - area, position, topography, population, climate, soil, vegetation, etc.
- (2) Crops, agricultural methods, systems of tenure, statistics of production.
- (3) The decay of Bantu agriculture, social and economic causes, effect of the Land Acts.
- (4) Agricultural education for Africans. Work of N.A.A., Bhunga, Ciskeian Council, etc. Government expenditure. Agricultural Colleges. This section would be rather critical.
- (5) Fairly detailed description of certain examples of improved-farming, betterment areas, communal farms, mission farms, etc.
- (6) Future of the Native Reserves, with special reference to migratory labour policy, famine and malnutrition.

P.S. I realise that some of this might overlap with other sections and that the field would have to be defined carefully.

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19 January 1946.

Mr. J.D. Rheinallt Jones,
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Cape Town.

Dear Mr. Jones,

I am sending you a copy of the letter received from Dr. Edward Roux, in answer to our request to write the section on Agriculture for the Year Book.

Dr. Roux feels that he is only competent to write on Agriculture in the Native areas, and suggests that "you and other members of the Institute" could far better write on the other aspects of agriculture in this country.

As he is leaving for Angola within the next week or two, I thought that it would be best if you could arrange to see him, while down in Cape Town, to discuss the section with him.

Yours sincerely,

L. Lubiano

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Johannesburg.

Dear Mr. Rheinallt Jones,

Thanks for your letter of the 4th August, 1948.

Be so kind and let me have a copy of your Memo on the Gezira Scheme, so that I can study it before giving an opinion as to its practicability in South Africa.

In the Sudan there is no such inducement as in South Africa to flock to the Mines and Industries (for high wages). The people there must make a success of the land. Here they need not.

As you know, in our cooperative schemes e.g. Letaba, we must steer a course between the Europeans (who do not like our "subsidising" Natives) and the Native storekeepers of the Rand (who say they are adversely affected by "outside" cheap fruit and vegetables)

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Curson

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