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To: Regional Secretary.

S.A. Institute of Race Relations,

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CAPE TOWN.

From: Head Office,

S.A. Institute of Race Relations.

P.O. Box 97.

JOHANNESBURG.

2nd August, 1951

0/0/1/1 (dealt with on the latter file)

Dear Dr. Mears.

Suggested Conference on Coloured Affairs and approach to Director of Coloured Affairs.

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In connection with the proposed Conference on Coloured affairs, you will recall that at the recent Executive Committee meeting it was suggested that it might be advisable to make a tentative approach to Coloured organizations to ascertain their reaction. If this proved favourable, leading Coloured organizations and the Institute might, it was said, jointly sponsor a two-day conference to be held just before the Institute's Council meeting. Alternatively, if the leading organizations reacted unfavourably, the Institute could than devote a session, or even a day, of its Council meeting to Coloured affairs, inviting individual Coloured persons to take part in the discussion.

The Executive Committee decided to ask the Cape Western Regional Committee to consider these suggestions and to report back to the General Purposes Committee.

Your Committee was also asked to express its views on the suggestion that the Institute should make an informal approach to the Director of Coloured Affairs, in order to draw his attention to the needs of the Cape Coloured people, and to make available to him the material it has collected over the years and particularly at the conferences it convened in 1933, 1938, 1942 and 1949.

Will you please be kind enough to place these matters before the Regional Committee?

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte

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The Director,
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Dear Mr. Whyte,

Suggested Conference on Coloured Affairs and approach to the Director of Coloured Affairs.

Your A/Res/2/4 C/C/1/1 dated 2nd August refers.

The two earlier paragraphs have been dealt with telegraphically. The Committee though a Conference along the lines suggested in your earlier letter to me a good idea. It was decided to sound local leaders and, if necessary, review the proposal in the light of their remarks.

My own view that a national conference of this magnitude required protracted and detailed planning and my doubts that it could be effectively organised from this end without adequate and efficient clerical assistance did not appear to carry much weight except with one member. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof and if necessary, Head office will be notified of the staff requirements."

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Committee recommends that no formal approach be made to the Director of Coloured Affairs but if so requested he be supplied with useful material and that in general he be treated with the same courtesy shown to other Government officials.

Yours faithfully,

REGIONAL SECRETARY.

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