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24th January, 1949.

Mr. A.W.G. Champion,  
15 Old Dutch Road,  
DURBAN.

Dear Sir,

Commission of Inquiry.

With reference to your representations to me that I telegraph the Hon. the Minister for Native Affairs in connection with the proposed appointment of a Commission of Inquiry, I have to inform you that I discussed this matter with His Honour the Administrator of Natal during the course of an interview I had with him in Pietermaritzburg on Friday last, 21st instant, and as a result I have wired the Minister as follows :-

Representations have been made to me in my capacity as Chairman of the Combined Location Board representing the Native Locations in Durban to approach you in connection with the terms of reference of the proposed Commission of Enquiry into the recent riots in Durban. The objects of the representations are that the terms of reference should be sufficiently wide to include (a) an investigation of the causes of the riots (b) What steps should be taken to prevent a repetition thereof (c) the methods

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employed to quell the riots and (d) That in view of Mr. Justice Broomé's intimate knowledge of the racial problems in Durban his appointment as Chairman of the Commission would command the confidence of the Native people.

Yours faithfully,

*B.S. Minton*

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