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Professor Z.K. Matthews,
African Studies Department,
Fort Hare,
ALICE,
CAPE PROVINCE.

Dear Professor Matthews,

South West Africa.

I write with reference to your letter of 1st December, 1951.

I find it very difficult to know what to do in the matter. As far as I can make out, it depends entirely on the Government's willingness to give them passports to go over to Paris. How we can move the Government to do this, I do not know, and I do not think that the Institute would be at all effective in persuading the Government to accede to such a request. I will discuss the matter with our Action Committee who will perhaps be able to help.

Have you written Douglas Buchanan: he might be helpful.

I agree that it would be so much wiser and better if the Government allowed the chiefs to go.

Meanwhile all good wishes and I look forward to seeing you in January in Cape Town.

Yours sincerely,

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FORT HARE,

CAPE PROVINCE.

1.12.51

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The Director,
Institute of Race Relations
P.O. Box 97
Johannesburg.

Mr. Whyte

Dear Mr Whyte,

Please find enclosed a letter which I have just received from Mr Michael Scott. The letter is self-explanatory. Unfortunately there is nothing that I can do at this end about the matter which he refers to. If he has not already got into touch with ^{you} about the matter, I wonder if the Institute could not use its good offices in this connection.

It does not seem to me, at any rate, as if the Union Government will be inclined to facilitate the travel of the Heerss chiefs to Paris. It is a pity that the Union representatives are taking the line they are taking which is purely legalistic. Even assuming that their interpretation of the powers & functions of the Trusteeship Committee is correct, their attitude gives the impression that they have a lot to hide, whereas if they were to allow the Chiefs to go to Paris, no actual harm would be done to their case. I should be glad if you would inform Mr Michael Scott about what the Institute has been able to do. Thanking you

Yours sincerely J.K. Matthews

32 Tavistock Square,
W.C.1.

22nd November, 1951.

Professor Z. K. Matthews,
Fort Hare University,
Alice,
Lovedale,
Cape Province.

Dear Professor Matthews,

I am wondering if there is any way you could assist Chief Hosea Kutako and another representative from South West Africa to attend the United Nations Session in Paris. I am enclosing a copy of the resolution passed by the Fourth Committee in which they are invited to appear before the Fourth Committee. The cost of two air passages for them is available through a trust fund which is being held by the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, whose treasurer is Mr. Russell E. Dill. The fund would also be responsible for the cost of their hospitality while they are in Paris, but I am afraid it is not sufficient to provide for the passage and living expenses ~~for~~ more than two representatives. I do hope it will be possible for Hosea Kutako ^{to come} himself and to bring an interpreter, and if there is any way in which you or another responsible African could help them in the matter of obtaining passports, visas and any other permits or certificates that may be necessary, you will be doing a real service to your people. The United Nations has given these people in South West Africa the opportunity to appear before them and it is ~~not~~ one that ought to be missed through any failure ~~to~~ in the matter of procedure or organisation of their journey.

Mr. Greenidge, Secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society said he would like to be associated in this appeal to you to do what you can for those people in South West Africa. Please cable me if necessary.

Yours

Michael Scott.

Michael Scott.

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FOURTH COMMITTEE

REQUESTS FOR HEARINGS ON THE QUESTION
OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

Resolution adopted by the Fourth Committee
at its 204th meeting on 16 November 1951

The Fourth Committee,

Having before it the requests of Hosea Kutako, Nikanor Hoveka, Theophilus R. K. Katjiuongua and David Witbooi representing the Herero, Nama and Damara tribes (A/C.4/187), for a hearing before the Fourth Committee in connexion with its consideration of the question of South West Africa,

Decides to grant the request of these chiefs and headmen and/or other spokesmen designated by them to appear before the Committee when this item is taken up in order that the Committee may enjoy the fullest information on this question, and

Expresses the wish that the Government of the Union of South Africa will facilitate the prompt travel of Hosea Kutako, Nikanor Hoveka, Theophilus R. K. Katjiuongua and David Witbooi and/or such other spokesmen as may be designated by them, from South West Africa to Paris for this purpose during the present session.

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22.11.51.

The following cable was received by the Secretary General of the United Nations and read by the Chairman of the Fourth Committee at its meeting on Wednesday, November 21st.

Windhoek Nov. 20th.

Secretary General. UNO Paris.

"Permission requested from secretary South West Africa for African Delegation attend UNO Paris. Secretary South West Africa forwarding request South African Government. Waiting reply." signed Lukas Kandjii for Chief Hosea.

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