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My dear Alan,

The Institute of Race Relations is about to celebrate its Silver Jubilee having been founded in May 1929. At the recent Executive Meetings in Johannesburg it was suggested that it would be an excellent thing if our Universities could be persuaded at this time to confer Honorary Degrees on one or two outstanding non-European citizens. If you agree, sponsoring of names by yourself as President of Convocation, would I should say carry a great deal of weight.

It is not easy to find just the right names in Natal. Dr. Mabel Palmer, with whom I discussed the matter last Sunday, suggested Miss Sibusisiswe Makanya with whose work you are of course well acquainted. I have thought of Donald Mtimkulu. There is no one obvious Indian name though of course M.L. Sultan has contributed a great deal to University and Higher Education. Would you turn the matter over in your mind and let me know what you think.

With kind regards *to you both*,  
Yours sincerely,

*Edgar*

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