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2 Amen Court,
London, E.C.4.

My dear Alan,

First of all, thank you very much for your letter about the Sports Conference. You will be glad to know that both Lady Violet Bonham Carter and I myself on behalf of Christian Action, sent cables expressing our good wishes to the Conference in what I hope you would regard as tactful terms.

I wonder if I might trouble you with another little problem? I have had the enclosed letter from a student who, as you will see, is asking for help from Christian Action. We receive ~~vsoy~~ many of this kind of appeal that it is quite impossible for us to respond to them all, and the only way in which we can hope to sort out those which we ought to try and give serious consideration to, is to get someone to interview them personally. In the case of Mr. Makatim, I wonder whether you or someone nominated by you could possibly have a look at him and report back to me.

As you may imagine, our funds are really very much stretched at the moment but I am reluctant to turn away any appeal without making some attempt to give it a hearing. I have taken the liberty of telling Mr. Makatim to get into touch with you, saying of course that you yourself might not be able to see him; but failing that, I hope a friend would.

Diana joins me in sending all possible good wishes for the New Year.

Yours ever,

Alan

Alan

P.S. I have enclosed the original letter as well as my letter to Mr. Makatim as I cannot read his address. Will you please find out what it is and forward the letter to him for me?

Alan Paton, Esq.

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23 Lynton Road,
KLOOF,
Natal, South Africa.

23rd January, 1959.

Dear John,

The address of Mr. Johnstone Makatini is Inanda Mission Station, P.O. Inanda. I have put the airmail letter into an ordinary envelope and sent it to him. I have no doubt he will get into touch with me. There should be no difficulty about letting you have a good report as he is well known to two University friends of mine. The sea of African needs is bottomless, and one could pour all one's own money into it and make little difference. I find it most difficult to cope with the demands. If an African is in need, especially for money for education, he will naturally write to those persons who are reputed to be well disposed towards his people. I give a certain proportion of my income each year, partly to the Liberal Partym and partly in assistance to Africans, but there is of course never enough. What is more, I have been caught so often that I am now almost afraid to lend any money. An unpaid loan nearly always disrupts friendship.

Now at least I think we are dealing with a different kind of person in Wilhelmine Watson. She has now received her passport and hopes to go to England next July. I ask you please to try to do something in this case, and promise not to send you another, but this woman undoubtedly lives for the day when she can shake off the dust of South Africa, and who is to blame her?

Lady Violet's and your cables were excellent. I hope that you will bring all the pressure that you can on the Olympic Committee and the Empire Games Committee. I wonder if you could not write a letter to Mr. Worrell of the West Indies and point out to him that he is only helping to lengthen the life of the colour bar by bringing a non-white team to South Africa to play non-white teams here. I thought of writing to the Rt. Rev. Alan John Knight, Archbishop of the West Indies, for whom we prayed in Church the other morning. Do you know where he lives? I understand that the Bishop's seat wanders about all over the West Indies. Perhaps you could write to him too, and point out to him what Mr. Worrell is doing.

Please tell Diana we shall try to get into touch with her young cousins, the Dorlings, but I wish we had a few more

particulars.

The Livingstone play is finished, and I hope to be sending a copy soon to Miss Carina Robins of the Religious Drama Society. I don't, however, think that the play is suitable for that purpose, but in any event I think I should try to have it presented on the professional stage, because it is time I earned some money. I shall make arrangements in due course for you to see a copy.

Love to you both.

Yours ever,

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30th January, 1959.

Dr. A. Paton,
Lynton Road,
KLOOF,
Natal.

J.M. Makatini
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Dear Dr. Paton,

As requested I set out below the academic record of Mr. J.M. Makatini who is reading for the Bachelor of Social Science degree of this University.

His record is:-

1955: English I... Pass.
Sociology I. Pass.

1956: Sociology II..... Pass.
Criminal Law I.... Fail.
Roman Dutch Law I. Pass.
Psychology I..... Pass.

1957: Psychology II. Fail.
Sociology III. Pass. : ~~Not for Degree Purpose.~~
Criminal Law I Fail.

1958: Political Science I..... Pass.
Criminal Law...I..... Pass.
Native Administration I. Pass.

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Except for 1957 Mr. Makatini has performed most satisfactorily and in that year he was subject to considerable personal strain and distraction which is some measure of excuse.

He is able to complete his degree in one further year's study, either as a full or part time student and I have no hesitation in saying that his performance fully justifies assistance to permit him to attend, preferably as a full time student.

Also I have formed the opinion that Mr. Makatini has the capacity to do better than he has done to date, if he set himself higher standards and showed more determination. I understand he wishes to proceed to the LL.B degree later and venture to suggest that financial help for this purpose, if sought now, should be made conditional upon not merely a pass in 1959 but upon a satisfactory standard being achieved.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ear Allan

ORGANISER.

() 1959 Wants to do Psych II Polit II Const Law I*
Prof Harper now trying to get articles
() Wants to finish BA - BSc*
(iii) Will need assistance next year, - pay £10.0 pm for room only
IA/NR. when he will be "pensioner" - Meals cost £5.10.0 pm. Books would be £15

Vacation work difficult to get - Fees would be £75 - No fee remission for BSc & £240 a year 250 less and 125 - obtained in articles -

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23 Lynton Road,
KLOOF,
Natal, South Africa.

4th February, 1959.

Dear John,

Mr. Makatini came out to see me last Saturday, and I set down the following facts for your information.

1. His record.

1955:	English I	Pass.
	Sociology I	Pass.
1956:	Sociology II	Pass.
	Criminal Law I	Fail
	Roman Dutch Law I	Pass
	Psychology I	Pass.
1957	Psychology II	Fail
	Sociology III	Pass
	Criminal Law I	Fail.
1958:	Political Science I	Pass.
	Criminal Law I	Pass
	Native Administration	Pass.

Mr. Ian Allan, Organiser of the non-European Section of the Natal University & reports that Mr. Makatini has done well for a part-time student, except for 1957, when both his headmaster and the Chairman of the Bantu School Board were opposed to his part-time studies.

2. Future Plans. Mr. Makatini hopes this year to do Psychology II, Political Science II, and Constitutional Law I, which will give him the degree of B. Soc: Sc: Professor Kuper, head of the Department of Sociology, speaks very well of the young man, and is at the moment trying to get him articulated to a lawyer.
3. My Own Impression. The young man made a good impression on me. He is obviously very poor, and when I asked him, for example, about clothes, he told me that he was wearing his only suit, and I could see that this was badly frayed. After our business discussions were finished,

we talked about politics at the University, and he strongly criticised Mr. X, for being anti-Indian. I asked him if he had no racial prejudices himself, and he smiled at me and said, "I have done three years' Sociology."

4. Budget. Makatini pays £4,10.0 per month for his room; £5.10.0 for meals per month. Books would be £15 per annum; fees would be £75 per annum, there being no fee remission for LLB. He informed me that vacation work is extremely difficult to obtain. This seems to indicate to me that the young man will need £240 - £250 per annum, provided that if he were articled, any income he received would be deducted from this amount.

Another thing that made a good impression on me was that he requires this assistance next year, and would not ask for any this year, which means that he is prepared to use all the money that he has saved while teaching. Next year he says he will be "penniless".

If you are able to assist Mr. Makatini, I recommend that you should, on the condition that such assistance depends on his securing a satisfactory pass in his degree this year. I hope this information will be helpful to you.

Yours ever,

P.S. Have you written to the Archbishop of the West Indies? If you haven't, please do so, and to anybody else you know there. What about Shephard? Doesn't he know anybody there? You would show that greatness of spirit, which we all know you possess, if you were to ring Michael Scott and ask him what the Bureau is doing in this matter. I think the whole thing could be stopped, but there is some urgency.

Love to you both.

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