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Chief Native Commissioner, P.O.Box 382, Pietermaritzburg.

12th. March, 1947.

The Provincial Secretary, African National Congress, 374c, Church Street, PIETERMARITZBURG%

Sir,

With reference to the discussion I had with the Executive Committee of your Congress on the 18th January, 1947, it will be remembered that I undertook to refer items 1 and 3 of the memorandum submitted by you to my Department for consideration.

I have now to advise you that, while the Government naturally welcomes co-operation with the Native people, as long as there are statutory bodies such as the Native Representative Council and Local Councils as well as officially appointed leaders of the people such as Chiefs, the Department cannot bind itself to consult a branch of the African National Congress.

Yours faithfully,

sgd. M.R.Leifeldt

Chief Native Commissioner

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