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3rd August, 1948.

Principal H.R. Raikes,
Witwatersrand University,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Raikes,

At our mid-year Executive meeting, the position of Non-European medical and dental students and, indeed, of Non-Europeans generally in relation to your University was discussed. My Executive Committee will be very grateful if you could arrange for a deputation to meet the relevant Council Committee of the University to discuss the position as revealed in the conversation we already have had with you.

May I congratulate you on your latest honour and welcome you back.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE EDUCATION,
P. O. BOX 686,
SALISBURY,
22nd. November, 1948.

The Registrar,
University of the Witwatersrand,
Milner Park,
JOHANNESBURG.

MEDICAL BURSARY : NON- EUROPEAN
STUDENT : S. RHODESIA.

I have the honour to refer to your letter B 2/9/1/J. of the 12th January, 1948 in which you stated that you had been advised by the Secretary for Education that it was the intention of the Government to establish a non-European Medical School at Durban and that after 1948 you would not accept any further non-European Medical Scholarship holders.

I shall be glad to know what progress, if any, has been made with this proposal, because as you know, you graciously granted us a place for the training of one medical student per annum in a five year's post B. Sc. course, with a total of five students in training when the Scheme became fully established.

Regretfully, owing to a dearth of suitably qualified students, we have been unable to avail ourselves of this arrangement, but we could certainly do so in 1950 and subsequent years. We shall, however, be unable to proceed with our selection of bursars under a Government scheme unless we can be assured that they will be accepted by you or some other institution, so that there may be no interruption in their courses of study.

As my committee, which met today to consider applications for medical bursaries, is most anxious to receive information on this subject, I shall be extremely grateful if an immediate reply could be given, stating what the present position is, and what arrangements have been made for the future training of non-European Medical students.

Yours faithfully,

for DIRECTOR OF NATIVE EDUCATION

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AIR MAIL

14th December, 1948.

The Director of Native Education,
Department of Native Education,
P.O. Box 686,
SALISBURY.

Dear Mr. Farquhar,

Thank you very much for your letter of 24th November received on the 29th. I have been in touch with the Registrar who has asked me to hold up my reply to you until he has had discussions with the Principal of the University.

At the moment, I see no difficulty about going ahead with the selection of a candidate as medical training will be provided either at Witwatersrand or at the new Medical School in Natal. The Minister of Education did say that the Government would not stop present facilities at e.g. Witwatersrand until such time as other facilities had been provided.

I shall write you again shortly. I enjoyed my trip to Rhodesia very much indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Quintin Whyte
DIRECTOR

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE EDUCATION,
P. O. BOX 686,
SALISBURY,
17th. December, 1948

Q. Whyte, Esq., M.A. (Hons.),
Director, S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG

Dear Mr. Whyte,

Medical Bursaries

I have to thank you for your letter of the 14th December 1948 and for your kindness in getting in touch with the Registrar.

The contents of the second paragraph of your letter give some comfort, but unless we can get an official assurance that there will be continuity of training my Committee would be unwilling to proceed with the selection of bursars. If we could obtain a written statement from the Minister of Education that the Government would not stop present facilities at e. g. the Witwatersrand until such time as alternative facilities had been provided my Committee would rest upon such assurance.

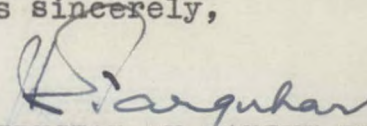
However, I had a letter from the Assistant Registrar on the 10th December in which he states that the University would be permitted to admit three Government scholars in 1949 but none thereafter. Our first student would not be available until 1950 so the road appears to be barred.

He further stated that the question as to whether the University would continue to provide facilities for the education of non-European Medical Students had not been discussed by the Senate or the Council, but that it was unlikely that it would do so without special subvention from the Government.

Finally ^{he} ~~been~~ advised that as it was the Government's intention to establish a non-European Medical School at Durban, I should write to the Principal of the Natal University College concerning the admission of our students in 1950 and thereafter. This I have done, and any future action must depend on the nature of the reply.

Again thanking you for your kindness and the trouble you have taken.

Yours sincerely,


for DIRECTOR OF NATIVE EDUCATION

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