Dear Professor,

We are enclosing herewith Credentials for you to appear before the United Nations' fact finding commission, inquiring into the question of racial discrimination in the Union of South Africa, on behalf of the National Action Committee of the African National Congress and South African Indian Congress.

In the event the Commission sits at a date which is beyond your contemplated stay in USA, we very strongly urge that you make arrangements for prolonging your stay so that we may be able to obtain the maximum benefit of your personal presentation of the Congress case.

We are enclosing herewith a very brief report of the Campaign for your purusal, which we trust will give you some useful information. Also enclosed is a copy of Proclamation No. 276, which speaks for itself. In this regard we have to draw your attention to an amendment of Section 27 of the Native Administration Act of 1927 by Act 54 of 1952.

The relevant Section under the 1927 Act empowered the Governor-General to legislate and make regulations for the African people concerning decency, carrying of assegais and other weapons, various trading matters and other regulations for the protection of the 'Native' people and for good Government. Under the 1927 Act the Courts interpreted that in making regulations the Governor-General was restricted to specific matters which are specifically referred to above.

The effect of the 1952 amendment is that the Governor-General has unrestricted powers for making such regulations as he may consider necessary for the protection, control, improvement and welfare of the Natives and in furtherance of peace, order and good government.

You will, therefore, observe that under the amendment the Governor-General has full powers to legislate for the African people by means of proclamations.

Please let us know what other material you would require from us for the preparation of the case and we shall let you have same by airmail.

With best wishes,

Yours in the cause of

AFRIKA,

W. N. Simulu, and
Yusuf Cachalia.