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LETTERS REFERRING TO THIS MATTER
TO BE ADDRESSED, HUTTON & COOK,
IF TELEPHONING OR CALLING PLEASE
ASK FOR MR. Stanford
1054
TELEPHONE NO.

18th December, 1956.

Professor Z.K. Matthews,
c/o Messrs. Mandela & Tambo,
P.O. Box 6045,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Professor Matthews,

We thank you for your letter herein of the 13th instant. It is extremely difficult to be of any help to you without knowing something about the facts of this matter, but we feel that the preparatory Examination may not be anything like as important as the trial. It will probably therefore be advisable to take part in the joint defence at the Preparatory Examination, but with the matter going to trial, we feel that for the following reasons you should be represented individually:-

- (a) It will be very difficult for Counsel however hard they may try, to do justice to every client individually where a large number are being defended. You would therefore be better if you were defended on your own.
- (b) As one of the more Senior persons involved, and as one holding a very responsible position, we feel that you should stand aloof from the joint trial if it is possible to do so.
- (c) We feel that on your innocence may depend to a very great extent, the future of Fort Hare University, and we feel therefore strongly that it is in the interest of the College for you to secure the best possible defending Counsel to defend you individually as an acquittal for you is so very important to the College.

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Professor Z.K. Mat[REDACTED] 18th December, 1956.

It would be better if you were defended on your own at the Preparatory Examination, but because of the expense involved, and as the Preparatory Examination is not nearly as important as the trial, there can possibly be no harm if you were defended jointly with the others.

We have submitted your letter and a copy of our reply to Dr. Alty in Grahamstown and will advise you when we hear from h&m.

Yours faithfully,

HUTTON & COOK.