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Rev. G. B. Molefe,
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Dear George,

I do not know whether this letter will find you at home or whether it will have to chase you all over the country, but as I want you to do something for you, I am going to send it on in the hope that it will catch up with you somewhere.

You will remember that at its last annual conference the organisation known as S.A.B.R.A. decided to ~~embark~~ embark upon a series of consultations with African leaders in different parts of the country. The idea was welcomed in some circles, while others including Dr Verwoerd took a dim view of the situation. I personally think it is not a bad idea and that it would be a mistake for African leaders to refuse to meet with Afrikaners simply because they did not see eye to eye with them on some important questions. I am all for an exchange of views by people who disagree. Now the point is that Prof. Olivier of Stellenbosch University is the one who has been entrusted with the arrangements for these "talks". His idea is to make a preliminary exploration of the field and to find out whether African leaders in different parts of the country would be prepared to meet them. I have indicated to him that as far as we here are concerned, we shall be prepared to get together with them at any time. What I am writing to you about is to find out whether you could not organise a few African leaders in Port Elizabeth to meet these SABRA people when they do come round. I gather that they will be making their first round towards the end of January. Your schools will have opened, so you will be at home then. I take it that the discussions in the first instance will be informal and private. What you will have to do to arrange for a place of meeting and for a few people who are prepared to discuss things round a table to meet with them. It will not be much use getting people together who will just indulge in a lot of wrangling. You know the people in P.E. best, and if you can get together such a group, will you please communicate with Prof. N. J. J. Olivier, Stellenbosch University, P.O. Stellenbosch, C.P. and ask him to tell you when they will be coming round so that you can make the necessary arrangements.

Where did you go for the Christmas holidays? We spent our holidays at home. Joe and his family came over from Durban where he is now practising as an Attorney and we had a very happy time with them.

I must close, with the best Compliments of the Season,

Yours sincerely,

J. K. M. M. M.