Professor Z.K. Matthews,
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Sir,

I have been toying with the idea of a special conference of African leaders to consider the place of the Africans in South Africa in the light of the rapidly changing scene in the rest of the continent. Sabra has already held a conference on this aspect of the matter, and the Institute is likely to follow with a similar symposium of addresses and discussions. I would like you, and possibly some of your African colleagues at Fort Hare, to consider whether a conference of some twenty or thirty leaders in some quiet town - say Maseru or Mbabane - should not be called to review events and their implications for the Africans in this part of Africa.

Should you feel disposed to accepting this proposal, I shall be glad to hear from you about:-

1. Aspects of the situation to be discussed.
2. Venue.
3. Date of such conference.
4. List of persons to be invited. In my opinion we should also invite two or three persons from the protectorates.

As soon as this idea has taken definite shape and form, I propose that you constitute a small committee of sponsors. No doubt some money will be required to meet the expenses of the conference - travelling and perhaps subsistence expenses. I shall then try to pave the way for an application by your committee to the Trust for financial assistance.

Will you be good enough to let me know your reactions to these proposals?

Kind regards to you and member of the family.

Yours truly,

PAUL MOSAKA.
Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am delighted to hear from you and to know that you are well and still fighting to equal rights for our people in South Africa. We in Nigeria feel very strongly about what is going on in South Africa. Every day our local papers carry news like yours of the injustices meted out to Africans by the whites in South Africa. We know that these sort of things will not last long and that the emergence of the great intelligentsia very long ago with the emergence of the great intelligentsia will be a great change. You can believe me your problems will be solved. So keep on the good work and if there is any way by which we can help please let me know.

Out here in Nigeria there is great need for teachers and I have no doubt if any of your students can get a job they will get something to do. I understand there are at least 4 South African teachers here.

Past of the Nigerian students you seek are in New York and are back here. Dr. Ladi Omiwe is now Principal of City College, Lagos. Past of the students are in government service.
I am very well. I will like to keep in constant touch with you and any organization in South Africa. We always want to keep in close contact with events in Africa.

Please give my regards to your wife, our children, and I hope they are very well.

Greetings from under... yours truly,

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