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Mr Alexander Kerr, M.A.
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 ALICE, C.P.

Dear Mr Kerr,

Thank you for your letter of the 31st ult. in which you inform me about the latest position regarding housing. I realise the difficulty with which you are faced in the matter, and while I am naturally anxious to get into a more or less permanent home as soon as possible, I should be the last to refuse to accept satisfactory temporary arrangements.

The suggestion which you make about the possibility of my being able to rent one half of Domira temporarily appeals to me much more than the idea of going to Ntselamanzi, and I should like to ask Dr Wilkie to let me have this house, if it should be available on the terms suggested in your letter. I wonder if you would say a word to him on my behalf. I shall also write to him direct about the matter.

The arrangements about my field-work are almost complete now. I am hoping to leave here about the 23rd inst for Johannesburg to attend the meeting of the Inter-University Committee to discuss with them my plans for research and thereafter I shall proceed to Bechuanaland and will probably be there until some time in February. I hope it will be possible for you to be present, because among the questions on which I shall have to satisfy the Inter-University ^{Committee} is that of ~~future~~ arrangements for my future bouts of field-work. I am afraid neither the Inter-University Committee nor the International Institute will be satisfied with our short Vacations as sufficient for this purpose and you may be called upon to give an undertaking that you will make it possible for me to get a few weeks added to the two further periods I hope spend in the field at either end. A period of less than three full months is hardly enough for this kind of work, especially if one is a novice at the game as I am. Dr Schapera has kindly consented to undertake the direction of my work and Mr Rheinallt Jones has already been of great help to me in making plans. I am looking forward to meeting the other members of the Committee and getting the benefit of their ripe experience in these matters.

I am rather sorry that I could not start earlier but London is so far away from here that the necessary formalities have taken up a lot of time. Dr Brookes has kindly agreed to let me go when I want to, although this is such an awkward ~~xxxx~~ time from the point of view of the school. He was expecting it all along, of course, but he had begun to hope that I might finish the term here. In fairness to the International Institute, however, I feel that I should make a beginning at the earliest possible moment.

I have already taken too much of your time and must stop. Thank you for the latest Fort Hare Calendar which you sent me.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,