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Prof. J.D. Krige,  
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Dear Prof. Krige,

Since my return to Fort Hare I have been making further inquiries with regard to a substitute for me in my Department but so far without success.

In the circumstances I find myself compelled to refer to you again for a re-consideration of your decision in regard to Vilakazi. I fully appreciate the points raised by you in your letter of December 15th and in our discussion of the matter during my visit to Durban, and it is only because of the difficulty in which I am placed that I dare to raise the matter again. Would it help at all if we could undertake to keep Vilakazi for not more than three months i.e. March, April and May? This would enable me to start the year without the additional worry about the position in my department. If it should later appear that the appointment of the new Principal will be further delayed, we would have to make other arrangements for the second half of the year. If things had been normal at Fort Hare I would not mind trying to carry the double load for the six months, but with things as they are at present it seems essential that I should give full attention to the job of Acting Principal.

Your assistance in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J.K.M.*