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Mr. B.de Bunsen,
Makerere College,
P.O. Kampala.

Dear Mr de Bunsen,

You will be surprised to get a letter from me, I expect, as it is so many years since I gave up my post as Educational Secretary General at Namirembe. I have now been at Fort Hare since 1949, though I had to spend 18 months in England during 1953/54. While there I had a very enjoyable and stimulating year on the staff of the London Institute of Education in Dr. Margaret Read's Department of Education in Tropical Areas.

I am now writing you confidentially as ask your opinion of the suitability of Prof. E.Lucas for the post here of Principal, and to know whether the Committee which has been set up by our Governing Council to suggest possible people for the post may approach him in the matter if it wishes to do so. As I expect you know, the post is now vacant as Professor Dent has retired, and Professor Z.K.Mathews is acting until a successor has been appointed. Among the names of others, Professor Lucas has been suggested, and we are wanting to get opinions of these people to put before the committee. All we know at present is that Prof. Lucas was at Winchester before going to Makerere, and so I should be very grateful indeed if you could let me know what you can about him and whether you would advise the Committee to consider him as a possible Principal. As you can imagine, it is an extremely difficult post which will require an exceptional combination of firmness and tact if Fort Hare is to be reestablished in the eyes of both Africans and Europeans.

I hope you don't mind my writing you personally in this matter. I do think that some preliminary advice from a personal point of view is such a help.

I hope you are keeping well and still enjoying Uganda. We hear quite frequently from old friends and so are able to keep somewhat informed on what is going on.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,