December 4, 1959

Dear Professor Matthews:

After consultation with Professor Melville Herskovits, and on behalf of our Summer School Committee, I should like to invite you to the faculty of one of our summer terms for 1960. We have two five-week summer terms, the first from June 21 to July 22, and the second from July 26 to August 26.

The responsibility would involve teaching one four quarter-hour course during the session. Such a course would meet for four days a week, Tuesday through Friday, for one two-hour session each day. This corresponds to the forty one-hour periods in a four quarter-hour course in one of our regular quarters. For this, we are able to provide a stipend of $600.00, plus room for the period of your residence, plus reimbursement for your travel expense up to $100.00. We understand, of course, that this would not be sufficient incentive to enable you to travel from South Africa, but Professor Herskovits thinks a Fulbright grant might possibly be available for travel, and suggests you consult an American consulate.

As to the subject matter of your course, I would suggest something in the area of African studies appropriate to a theological seminary. From your experience in Union Theological Seminary, you will know what this would be. If you are able to give our invitation serious consideration, I suggest that you send a proposed course title and catalogue description at your early convenience.

I sincerely hope it will prove possible for you to come to us.

Sincerely yours,

Tyler Thompson

cc - Professor M. Herskovits