

African Studies

21-11-59

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Dear Sir,

Thank youx for your letter of October 20, 1959. I must at the outset apologise for my long delay in replying to it. The troublous times through which we have been passing at Fort Hare have made it very difficult for me to cope with all the work whioch our changed conditions have entailed.

I note that you have been authorized by your Board of Trustees to extend to me a formal invitation to join the Faculty of the New School as a Visiting Professor as soon as can arrange to come to the United State either for the Spring and Fall terms of 1960 or for the academic year 1960-61.

Will you kindly convey to your Baard of Trustees my sincerest thanks for the honour they have done me in inviting to join the distinguished Faculty of your famous institution. This is an honour which I am sure I do not deserve.

At about the same time that your invitation came to hand I received a similar invitation from Union Theological Seminary in New York and a little later another from Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. It would obviously be impossible for me to accept these invitations unless they could be taken consecutively. It might of course be possible for the authorities concerned after consultation to decide or arrange among themselves as to the order in which they might be taken.

In any case I am not in a position at this stage to say whether I can accept any invitation at all, because that will depend upon whether the Union Government will be prepared to grant me the necessary passport facilities and U.S. Government a visa to enter the country. I shall in due course make an application for a passport in the ordinary way and shall communicate with you again about the results of my application.

In the meantime allow me to say, again, how much I appreciate your kind invitation, and how sorry I am that I am not yet in a position to give you a more definite answer.

Yours sincerely,
J. R. M...

Dr Hans Ammons,
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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of October 28, 1957 in which you inform me that ~~the~~ you are authorized by your Board of Trustees to extend to me a formal invitation to join the Faculty of the New School as a Visiting Professor as soon as I can arrange to come to the United States either for the Spring & Fall terms of 1960 or for the academic year 1960-61.

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way. ~~and~~ If the application is successful I shall communicate
with you again.

In the meantime allow ^{me} to say how much I appreciate
your kind invitation.

Yours sincerely
