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[Nokwe]

Dear Duma,

Thank you for your letter of the 8th inst. I am sending you herewith a letter I had already written to you before I received yours in which I tried to clear up certain points raised by Maree's utterances.

All I wish to add at this stage is that I have at no time had any "conversations" with Maree. His statements are presumably based upon one-sided reports which he must have got from the Government official who was sent down here to carry out the dismissals and to offer appointments and who discussed with me the implications of the offer of a "State post" to me and other African members of the Staff. These posts will be governed by the Public Service Act of 1957, section 17 of which makes it an offence for an officer to be a member of political organisation or to take active part in politics. None of us has had any direct contact with Maree and the so-called assurances he has had from African members of the Staff are unjustifiable deductions from the fact that they received the letters of appointment they were given by the official concerned. As I say none of them has yet indicated whether he is accepting Maree's offer or not. Indeed one or two have already tendered their resignations and I am satisfied that all who manage to find alternative employment within the 90 days, including myself, will do the same. The trouble is that suitable jobs are not easy to find especially as far as the non-whites are concerned, and consequently some may be compelled to stay on until they can find something better.

As I have said in the other letter we shall be glad to hear what you people up there advise us to do in the circumstances.

Yours sincerely,