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Dr T. Alty,
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Dear Dr Alty,

I have decided to write about a personal matter which I feel I ought to bring to your attention before it becomes generally known. This I am doing not only because you are the Chairman of Governing Council of Fort Hare but also because I have come to regard you as a personal friend.

As you know I have recently been offered a continuation of my employment at Fort Hare under the new set-up. In terms of Fort Hare Transfer Act I have to decide within 90 days whether I am going to stay on or exercise my option to resign. I have been on the staff of the College since January 1936, and in the ordinary course of events I would have reached in December 1961 my superannuation date, and would thus have qualified for certain benefits. I gather that if I resign now I shall not be entitled to such benefits unless I can show that I have done so on grounds of ill-health.

After giving the matter careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that I shall not be able to fit into the new set-up. I feel therefore that I shall have to exercise my option to resign. I have not yet made my decision known to the Minister but will do so in due course. I have mentioned the possibility to Principal Burrows. You may mention it to Professor Hobart-Houghton who is also a personal friend.

I am sorry that I shall have to leave Fort Hare in this way, but I am satisfied in my own mind that it would not be right for me to stay on. The Minister of Bantu Education has already made unfounded statements about me which strengthen ~~me~~ me in my belief that it is right for me to go.

I am sorry to have taken up so much of your time, but I thought that I ought to let you know as soon as possible about my decision. I should like to take the opportunity of thanking you for all you done for me during our association with Fort Hare.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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