

P.O. Box 35,

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7th April, 1961.

Mr. Z.K. Matthews,
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Dear Mr. Matthews,

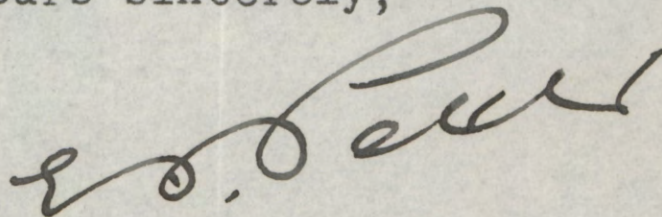
By the courtesy of Anglo American Corporation of South Africa I have had the opportunity of reading the Supplement to Optima of March 1961, being of course your booklet entitled "Social Relations in a Common South African Society".

It will probably not mean much to you for me to commend your work sincerely and wholeheartedly, but nevertheless I feel that I should do so. It is plain, I think, that the evil position into which South Africa has drifted, or been directed, cannot be cured by inaction. The task ahead of educating the public, both White and Non-White to arrive at a realization that a great deal of thinking, and a new way of thought, is now an extremely urgent necessity, if some salvation is to be made possible.

I consider that your publication will greatly assist in that new way of thinking, if it can be brought to the notice of all persons whose minds are groping for some real solution of our problems. In too many cases it will of course be a case of "being able to see but not wanting to do so, and being able to hear but purposely refusing to be converted", but I am convinced that a wide publication of your exposition should be undertaken and that it should not be reserved for the few.

As the booklet contains a reservation of rights to republish it in book form in favour of Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, it appears that the matter of further publication and publicity is in their hands. I am hoping, however, that you will receive many other letters to urge you to do all you can to get the Corporation to allow a really intense publicity campaign to be undertaken so as to bring the work to the attention of as many persons as possible.

Yours sincerely,

E.F. PETER.