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Dear Professor Bates,

Thank you for your letter of December 22, 1959 in which you ask for information about Rev. Gladstone Thulani Mnonopi and Mr Jackson Tokota who have been recommended to you by Rev. G.B. Molefe. I have looked up their academic records in their files at Fort Hare and they are briefly as follows:-

Gladstone Thulane Mnonopi was a student in residence at Fort Hare during the academic years 1950 to 1952 during which time he passed the following courses:

1950: Biblical Studies I, Ecclesiastical History I, English I, Xhosa I, General Introduction to Philosophy,

1951: Biblical Studies II (Cl. 11), Hellenistic Greek (Cl. 111), Systematic Theology I (Cl. 11)

1952: Biblical Studies III (Cl. 11), Systematic Theology II (Cl. 11)

He therefore completed the requirements for the B.A. degree with theological subjects in 1952. Since then he has been in the ministry of the Methodist Church of South Africa, and is presently stationed at Durban.

Jackson Fezile Tokota was a student in residence at Fort Hare during the academic years 1956 to 1958 during which time he passed the following courses:

1956: Biblical Studies I (Cl. 11), Ecclesiastical History I (Cl. 11)

1957: Biblical Studies II (Cl. 11), Hellenistic Greek (Cl. 111), Philosophy I (Cl. 111), Psychology I (Cl. 11), Systematic Theology I (Cl. 11)

1958: Biblical Studies III (Cl. 111), Systematic Theology II (Cl. 11), English I (Cl. 111)

He therefore completed the requirements for the B.A. degree of Rhodes University with theological subjects in 1958. I understand he is now in the ministry of Presbyterian Church and his present address is Box 71, Viljoenskroon, O.F.S., South Africa.

Neither of these students studied under me while they were at Fort Hare, but from their academic records it appears to me that Mnonopi is the better student, though they both appear to be of more than average ability. Mnonopi who has been out in the field for a number of years would be more mature, although Tokota would appear to have youth on his side. Whether their churches would be prepared to release them from their present duties for further study I am not in a position to say.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,