

11th March, 1954.

The Secretary for the Interior,  
PRETORIA.

Sir,

Re : Application for Transport.

I herewith beg to apply for a passport to enable me to proceed overseas to attend an international scientific conference to be held at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii, from June 28th to July 23rd 1954.

The Conference which is to be conducted at the University of Hawaii on the dates mentioned is sponsored jointly by the University of California, the University of Chicago and the University of Hawaii.

The Conference for which the general theme is "Race Relations in World Perspective" "is designed, through its preliminary papers and discussion sessions, to review the state of scientific knowledge regarding race relations, and to evolve, if possible, the lines upon which subsequent research might profitably be conducted". The personnel of participants in the Conference limited to 25 will be drawn primarily from University institutions in different parts of the world. I am enclosing for your information a provisional list of the names of the persons invited to attend, together with titles of the papers to be read at the Conference. Prof. N. J. Olivier of the University of Stellenbosch has, I believe, also been invited to participate in this Conference.

As the sponsors of the Conference are anxious to know at an early date whether it will be possible for me to attend, I should be much obliged if you would let me know whether it will be possible for me to obtain the necessary passport. I have been informed by the Director of Race Relations Conference, Dr. Andrew W. Lind, of the University of Hawaii, that he has written to the Minister of the Interior requesting his assistance in making it possible for me to attend this important scientific conference.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind favour,

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Yours respectfully,

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