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Dear Mr. Matthews,

This is to endorse the letter of Dr. Cooke. The World Council should be most happy to have you on its staff. Our relations with Africa are developing in a most encouraging way. We have six new applications from African Churches and are closely cooperating with the All Africa Conference of Churches. What we need now most of all is African leadership so that the ecumenical movement in Africa may have strong roots in the life of the African Churches.

Please do not think that we underestimate the importance of your present tasks and responsibilities. We dare however to write because you may want to give a period of time to service for the whole of Africa.

I remain with best greetings,

Yours sincerely,

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