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Dr. Z. K. Matthews
South African Native College
Fort Hare, Cape Province
South Africa

Dear Dr. Matthews:

"Race Relations in World Perspective," is the theme for a conference to be conducted at the University of Hawaii during the summer of 1954. On behalf of the Steering Committee of the conference, I am writing to extend to you an invitation to participate as a full member of the conference to be held in Honolulu from June 28 to July 23, 1954.

The need for a world perspective upon a problem of such explosive potentialities has become increasingly apparent to administrators and scholars alike during the past few years. Only recently, the necessary funds have been obtained to enable a small group of qualified observers and analysts from the more distinctive areas of race relations around the world to gather in Honolulu for a period of four weeks of undivided attention to the common problems resulting from race and cultural contacts. Three American universities especially concerned with research in this area--the University of California, the University of Chicago, and the University of Hawaii--have jointly agreed to sponsor such a conference. The Steering Committee, representing these three institutions consists of Dr. Robert Redfield, Dr. Herbert Blumer, and myself.

The enclosed prospectus indicates something of the conceptual framework within which this conference is being conceived. Briefly stated, the conference 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.

It is believed that the objectives of the conference can best be achieved by the meeting and close association over an extended period of persons who combine scholarly attainments or administrative skills in the field of race relations with a breadth of vision and facility in communication. Probably, not more than twenty-five persons will be selected for active participation in the conference, although an additional group of observers may also be admitted.

Participation in the conference, should you find it possible to accept our invitation, would involve you in the following respects:

1. The preparation in advance of the conference (by March 14, 1954) of a paper summarizing your observations with regard to one or another of the areas of race relations outlined in Part II of the prospectus. Because of your special interest and accomplishments in the study of the adjustments between native and European peoples which have occurred in Africa, we assume that you might wish to focus attention upon that general area of race relations. Your suggestions on the matter will be greatly appreciated. The precise topic can be defined within the next month or two. It is hoped that the papers prepared by the conferees may constitute a significant contribution to the theory and empirical research of race relations. It is planned to distribute these papers in mimeographed form for the members of the conference by April of 1954, and these papers will provide the basis of one of the major published volumes to emerge from the conference.
2. The Steering Committee is able to offer you a maximum of \$300 for secretarial and research assistance for the preparation of your manuscript prior to the conference.
2. Attendance and active participation in the conference sessions extending from June 28 through July 23, 1954. Afternoon and evening sessions (Monday through Friday) will be devoted to the discussion of the subject matter of the conference (details to be worked out later).

Your expenses for travel to Hawaii and return by the most direct route, and for food and housing accommodations during the period of the conference will be met by the conference. Although it is not possible to pay a salary to the conferees, an honorarium of \$500 will be provided.

We believe that this conference can contribute to the future peace of the world by its assistance in funding and re-ordering knowledge with respect to race relations. We earnestly hope that you may find it possible to participate.

Sincerely yours,

ANDREW W. LIND
Director,
RACE RELATIONS CONFERENCE

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