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P. O. MOLEPOLOLE,  
Gaberones Station,  
Bech. Protectorate.

6th February, 1951.

Professor Z.K. Matthews,  
Fort Hare,  
Cape Province.

Dear Professor Matthews,

I am sorry you were not able to be present at the interview granted by the Secretary of State. It was a very important meeting, and serious. The net result of it all was that it was postponed for a further meeting in London shortly.

It is out of the question, of course, to hope that you could possibly accompany me in such a trip but I feel sure that you are aware that the Seretse marriage is being used as a splendid opportunity to reduce the powers of Chiefs and unless real determined effort is made now we will be too late. Is it at all impossible for you to get a month's leave from Fort Hare to go to England?

I am sending you various petitions presented to the Secretary of State and the Aide-Memoir, which was my presentation of the case to him. When you have read them please pass them on to Professor Jabavu to read, but ask him to return them to you, I have no spare copies to send to him.

I think it will interest you to know that the so-called statement made by the Tribe to the Secretary of State was drawn by our friend Mr. Monametsi Chiepe.

I had handed a sum of £20 to Dr. Molema to wire to you, as I know how difficult it is to raise money at short notice, unfortunately he did not send this. I am sorry about this as I know how difficult it is to be called unprepared and I would prefer that the money should have got to you, he gave it back to me on Saturday.

With kind regards.  
Yours sincerely,

