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Dear H.R. #

Thank you for your letter of October 19, 1955.  
I am sorry that I have not been able to reply to it sooner,  
but you can well imagine that things are in a very  
disturbed state at Fort Hare. Moreover we have been  
in the throes of final examinations <sup>examinations</sup> which must be disposed  
of expeditiously as possible, to say nothing of having to wind  
up our affairs at Fort Hare.

Anyway since your letter came I have had letters  
~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> from U.S. ~~institutions~~ <sup>institutions</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> inviting  
me to come to America as Visiting Professor for ~~the~~ part or the  
whole of the academic year 1960-61, namely Union Theological  
Seminary, the New School of Social Research and Princeton  
University. It would obviously be impossible for me to accept  
them all unless they could be taken consecutively.  
I have suggested to them that perhaps they ought to discuss  
among themselves whether ~~the~~ some agreement could not  
be arrived at on the question of the order in which they might  
be taken. In any case it is not possible for me at this stage  
to say whether I can accept because I am not sure whether  
I shall be able to get a passport to leave the country &  
for visa to enter the U.S. I shall make application for a  
passport in the ordinary way and await the results  
before I can say definitely what I shall do about these invitations

In the meantime I want to thank you most sincerely for the trouble you have taken about this matter. I only hope it will be possible for me to come after all the work you put into it.

In any case these invitations represent short term offers which may or may not come. In the meantime I shall have to be engaged in some work between January 1, 1960 and the time when I succeed in getting a passport, if at all. I have had offers one or two offers of work in the country and someone has suggested the possibility of my going to Shona to join the new Institute of African Law which is being set up there. A friend of mine, Senator <sup>Dr.</sup> Raben of Cape Town, has just been appointed Director of the Institute. I am in touch with him about the matter. I have also noted your suggestion about a possible one possibly substituting for Dr. St. Clair Drake in Shona. I have not yet written him about the matter. Of course if the worst came to the worst, as a qualified solicitor, I could always set up a legal practice in both Africa & might say that my own Joseph who is already in practice is strong in favour of this course as it would probably help me in the country and more in contact with the struggle here. On the other hand I would welcome a shell overseas before I finally settle down to something else. As you can see that I am not finding it easy to decide on the next step, but I shall keep you informed of developments.