

African Studies

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of November 6, 1959 in which you invite me to come to Brandeis University for one semester of the academic year 1960-61 as a Ziskind Visiting Professor of Politics.

I should like at the outset to say how appreciative I am of the honour you have done me by this invitation and of the interest you have shown in the difficulties with which we in South Africa are at present confronted as far as university education is concerned.

By the time your invitation arrived I had already received two similar invitations for the academic year 1960-61, one from Union Theological Seminary and the other from the New School of Social Research, both in New York. It would obviously be impossible for me to accept these invitations unless they could be taken consecutively. It might of course be possible for the authorities concerned after consultation to arrange as to the order in which they might be taken.

In any case I am not yet in a position to say whether I can accept any invitation at all as that will depend upon whether the Union Government will be prepared to grant me the necessary passport facilities and the U.S. Government a visa to enter your country.

I shall make application for a passport in the ordinary way and if my application is successful I shall communicate with you again, when other details can be gone into.

In the meantime may I thank again for your kind invitation? I regret that it is not possible for me at this stage to give you a more definite reply,

Yours sincerely,

Z. K. Matthews
