

P.O.Box 81,
Alice, C.P.,
15.10.60

The Hon. the Minister of Bantu Administration & Development,
Union Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

re: Application for Passports.

I herewith beg to request you for your assistance in a matter in which I am experiencing some difficulty with the Department of the Interior.

On February 23, 1960 I made application to the Department of the Interior for two passports, one for myself and another for my wife. In my application I indicated that we required the passports to enable me accompanied by my wife to proceed to the United States of America where I had been offered an appointment as a Visiting Professor at Union Theological Seminary, Broadway at 120th Street, New York 27, N.Y. for the academic year 1960-61.

I further indicated that as there was a possibility that I might be offered similar appointments by other university institutions in the United States while I was there, I should be glad if the passports, if granted, would be made available for a period of three years, at the end of which time I would want to return to South Africa.

On May 10, 1960 I was advised by the Magistrate and Bantu Affairs Commissioner, Alice that my application had not been successful.

I have appealed to the Minister of the Interior for a re-consideration of our applications.

I am writing to you now, Sir, to appeal to you to use your good offices in assisting me in this matter. As I have said in my letter to the Minister of the Interior, I know that there are certain differences of opinion between the Government and myself on matters of Native Policy but I do not feel that such honest and sincerely held differences of opinion should prevent the Government from granting me passport facilities to enable me to accept academic appointments in reputable university institutions.

Anything that you can do to be of assistance to me in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

J. K. Matthews