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The Rev. J.E. Doty,
President,
Baker University,
BALDWIN CITY
Kansas, USA

Dear Mr. Doty,

Thank you for your letter of June 16, 1966 in which you inform me that you have become President of Baker University in Kansas and that you are interested in establishing an extension of Baker University in Africa in an undeveloped country and that among the countries you have considered in this connection is the Bechuanaland Protectorate which will become independent as Botswana on 30 September 1966.

I am glad to hear about your interest in the educational development of this country. Although the missions have been operating in this country for many years, educational facilities are still in a low state of development. In particular there is no institution for higher education and students from this territory requiring higher education have to go to Basutoland and I am informed that the cost involved is higher than the cost of sending a student from Bechuanaland to study overseas in the United Kingdom. It is obvious, therefore, that this country will, in due course, have to develop higher education facilities for its own nationals. In this connection, it is good to know there are institutions, such as your own, which are interested in this development. When I do assume my responsibilities as representative of this country at the United Nations, I will bring to the attention of the responsible authorities your interest in this aspect of their national development and trust that they will follow it up.

Thanking you for your interest in African education and with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Z. K. Matthews
Secretary for Africa