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Dear Dr. Matthews,

We have at last been able to get the South African biographical assignments in final order and have mailed out all the letters to prospective authors. Your letter is enclosed herewith.

You will see that we have asked you to prepare eighteen articles, and we have spaced out the time schedule for these to be submitted so that you can have until April of 1967 to finish the last ones. It is probable that you have the materials in hand for several of the subjects on your list and will not need that much time. If you wish to send the articles any sooner, we shall, of course, be glad to receive them.

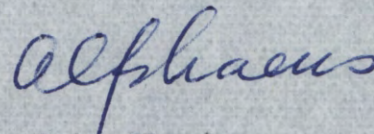
We have here your two articles on Solomon T. Plaatje and John Tengo Jabavu, which you sent us last year. They are both very well done, but the difficulty is that they are much in excess of the 1000 word-length requested. The article on Plaatje runs to nearly 2200 words and the other about 1800 words. We can try our hand here at reducing their length, sending you the revised articles for your approval; or, if you prefer to do the re-writing yourself, that will be quite satisfactory. Please let me know your wishes in this regard.

Dorothy and I spent about three days in Geneva in the latter part of April while on our way from Paris to Cairo. We were very disappointed to find both you and Frieda away from the City at that time. I hope that you and all the members of your family are in good health.

We are carrying on with the Secretariat's work although we have not been able to expand our staff as had been planned. We have already been getting in a number of biographical articles and hope to make good progress this year on at least that part of the job.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,



Dr. W.A. Hunton

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