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Dear Mr Moore,

Thank you for the copy of Hansard which you sent me containing the Minister's reply to your question about the members of staff (a) who were dismissed & (b) who resigned from Fort Hare.

The information given there is misleading in so far as it affects those who resigned from Fort Hare. None of them received a gratuity from the Government. They received their Provident Fund contributions but no gratuity. What is the object of giving this information in this form? I am sure the mistake could not have been made by the Pension Department.

A matter which is causing a certain amount of concern among students (non-white student clubs) is the arbitrary refusal by the Minister to admit certain students to Fort Hare for no apparent reason. You will recall that the Minister is given this power under section 16 of the Fort Hare Transfer Act. It would be interesting to know where the Minister gets the information on the basis of which he acted in the case of the dismissed students. Students who have been dismissed will be unable to continue their studies except through correspondence colleges or through the University of South Africa. How unfair & unjust!

Yours sincerely,  
J. K. Matthews