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My dear Z.K.,

I am sending herewith relevant extracts from the letter I wrote Mzamane after going through his draft papers for the last examinations.

In regard to Kunene, it has not been possible to do anything until this last week-end. I could not get into touch with him before that because he was working in town. On discussing the vacant lectureship at Fort Hare, we both felt that it would be better if he discussed the whole position with the professor before making a formal application, seeing that in any case he would not be in a position to take up the post now even if it were offered to him. He is very keen on the post, and I am sure that Professor Lestrade will give him a good recommendation. The application should reach you, at the latest, early next week.

I feel I must again recommend that you carry out the idea you suggested when we last met, namely, to make a temporary arrangement until the end of this year. Kunene is, I think, the best choice you could make in the field as it stands now. He is very intelligent and studious, confident but unassuming. He has an excellent command of English, spoken or written. He sings, composes and writes poetry. He is a man of sober habits. He is as neat and refined in his general conduct and personal appearance as he is tidy and systematic in his academic work. In short, to the very last detail (professional or personal) he is just the man you need to restore prestige to the Department of Bantu Languages at Fort Hare.

Kindest regards to you and your family from Phyllis and myself!

Yours sincerely,

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