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Dear Professor Du Plessis,

I am sending you herewith the memorandum which I promised to draft on the Separate University Education Bill. I am afraid I have taken rather longer than I had intended. I must apologise for this delay which was largely due to the fact that I had to return to Fort Hare during the Easter weekend. Home and the Easter spirit were not conducive to clarity of thought, to say nothing of expenditure of energy.

The subject I attempted to deal with is a vast one and you will no doubt find that the memorandum has not touched on a number of vital issues. Anyway I offer it as a basis of discussion. I would naturally be prepared to attempt to answer any questions which may be asked about it.

I take it that it is understood that this matter is to be treated confidentially at this stage. I would welcome the opportunity of further discussion about the matter. I leave it to you to see how these views might be brought to the attention of the proper authorities.

I ought to mention the fact that I have elsewhere expressed my opposition to the legislation in its present form. What I have tried to do here is to put forward constructive suggestions as to how the legislation could be made more acceptable-- or shall I say palatable?--to a larger number of people. I am not actuated by personal considerations in this matter, because I believe that the Government has already decided against me as far as its plans for the new universities are concerned, although I think unjustifiably so. My concern now is to make what small contribution I can to the development of higher education for non-whites, a field in which I have devoted the best years of my life.

I shall be glad to hear from you about this matter in due course.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,