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Professor Z. K. Matthews
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Dear Professor Matthews:

For some time the American Association of University Professors has followed with concern the difficulties of the South African teaching profession resulting from the government's Apartheid policy. In 1958, as you may recall, the Association's Annual Meeting adopted the enclosed resolution, which received considerable publicity in South Africa; and American professors visiting South Africa, as well as members of your own faculties have kept us informed of subsequent developments.

We have been much disturbed recently to find that eight members of the faculty of the University College of Fort Hare have been summarily dismissed from their positions, and that numerous others have found it necessary to resign in protest against the government's policy affecting the University of Fort Hare. We are anxious to render whatever assistance we can to these persons. The governing board of the Association's Academic Freedom Fund has recently authorized a contribution of \$500 to the Special Fellowship Fund established by the senate of the University of Natal. In addition, we would like to do anything within our means to obtain positions for any former members of the University College faculty who would like to continue their teaching careers in the United States.

In each quarterly issue of the Association's publication, the AAUP Bulletin, we publish notices of the availability of members of the teaching profession, and we would be glad to publish, without charge, notices of any of the South African professors who would

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like us to do so. Notices take the form which you will see in the enclosed sample page, and if you would like us to insert an announcement of your availability, we would be pleased to have you supply us with information about your subject field, age, degrees, teaching experience, publications, and present address.

We have also prepared a brief article for the Spring issue of the AAUP Bulletin giving information about the South African situation and calling attention to the plight of the affected faculty members. We hope that in this way, and through the notices of availability, and letters which we will send to our 600 chapters on American campuses, we will be instrumental in finding suitable positions in this country for any who might wish them.

On the chance that this letter might not be forwarded to you from Fort Hare, I am sending a copy to Mr. H. R. Burrows with a request that he direct it to your present address.

Sincerely yours,

Bertram H. Davis

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Enclosures

cc: c/o Mr. H. R. Burrows