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TELEPHONE 6-2720

RONDEBOSCH

October 29th, 1959

Dear Matthews,

I want to congratulate you. I should really say, thank you. The people are in your debt for your decision to resign from Fort Hare.

It must have been a hard decision. To give up so much of material value within a year or two of retirement involves a great sacrifice. Most of us would shrink from making it. We would be inclined to find reasons for staying on - as people similarly placed have done on countless occasions. But no one, lest of all oneself, is ever deceived by these rationalisations.

The whole Congress movement will be behind you, as well as progressive opinion here and abroad. You have struck a big blow for the cause by proving yourself to be a man of independent spirit and principle who refuses to allow himself to be corrupted by the fruits of office.

My wife joins me in expressing these sentiments and in wishing the best for you and Mrs Matthews.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Simons

Answered

UNIVERSITEIT VAN KAAPSTAD
SKOOL VAN AFRIKANISTIEK

FOON 6-2720

RONDEBOSCH

October 23, 1953

Dear Sir,

I want to congratulate you. I should really say, thank you. The people are in your debt for your decision to remain from Fort Hare.

It must have been a hard decision. To give up a year of material value within a year or two of retirement involves a great sacrifice. Most of us would shrink from making it. We would be inclined to find reasons for staying on - as people similarly placed have done on countless occasions. But now one, least of all oneself, is ever deceived by these rationalizations.

The whole for rest movement will be behind you, as well as progressive opinion here and abroad. You have struck a big blow for the cause by proving yourself to be a man of independent spirit and principle who refuses to allow himself to be corrupted by the trite of office.

My wife joins me in extending these sentiments and in wishing the best for you and the future.

Sincerely yours,

Jack D. ...