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S E R O W E,

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE,

2nd November, 1959.

Professor Z.K. Matthews,
P.O. FORT HARE,
Nr. Alice,
CAPE PROVINCE.

Dear Professor Matthews,

Since our casual talk when you were here last, the question of how best we could use your talents and experience for the benefit of the Bamangwato and the protectorate was discussed by the General Purposes Committee. (Bamangwato)

The general feeling was that the post of tribal secretary would tend to limit your activities to one tribal area only, whereas a post that would enable the territory as a whole to benefit from your services would appear to be more favoured by many.

Consequently the situation envisaged is one where your educational qualifications and administrative ability would play an important part. In this respect the principalship of Moeng College was considered.

There is unfortunately a snag in that the present principal, Mr. Thema, is not due to relinquish his duties until the end of 1961. Secondly the Bamangwato Administration as you know, no longer controls the college. There however exists a Board of Governors and an Executive Committee to which bodies we send representatives as Bamangwato.

I have however, enquired from a certain government official as to whether there would be any objection to your filling this post, at the same time pointing out your qualifications as well as the fact that you are a Mongwato, and further stressing the need to avoid the confusion which took place some few years ago due to constant changes in the principalship.

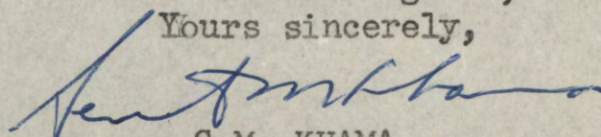
He thought the best approach would be a direct application from you to the Chairman of the Executive Council of Moeng. Although he could not speak for Mafeking he was very sympathetic.

If you are interested I could speak with the Resident Commissioner on the matter.

Pardon what appears to be a great deal of intrigue, but you do realise that association with the African National Congress does not always go down very well in some quarters.

The two years period seems to be too long, but I doubt if Mr. Thema could be induced to leave before his term comes to an end.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,



S.M. KHAMA.