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Dear Mrs Haynes,

It was with a deep sense of shock and grief that we learnt of the passing of our dear friend, Dr George E. Haynes. We had been talking about him and his last letter to us on the very morning when we received the sad news. His passing has brought to an untimely end a distinguished career which was devoted to promoting the welfare and interests of people of African descent not only in the United States but also in the continent of Africa as a whole. By his travels in the continent and his prolonged study of its problems he had made himself an authority on the 'continent of the future' as he liked to describe it. I am sure that the thousands of friends he had all over the continent will mourn with his family the irreparable loss which they have suffered. On an occasion like this the African people like to say we should console ourselves with fact that what has to us today has happened to others before and with thanking God for the great life which has been lived in our midst. Would that we who remain might follow in his footsteps and serve our day and generation in the way that he did his. Please convey to Edmund and Daisy and the grandchild our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

As you may know, we terminated our connection with the University College of Fort Hare at the end of last year. We are, however, still resident in Alice, where I have started legal practice as an attorney. We have been invited by Union Theological Seminary to return to the U.S. for a period and we are in the process of applying for the necessary passports to enable us to do so. We cannot say whether the South African Government will agree to give us passports, but if they do, we are hoping to leave here sometime in August to arrive in the U.S. sometime in September. We are looking forward to meeting again the many friends we made there in 1952.

In his last letter to me Dr Haynes informed me that he was about two-thirds through with his study of South Africa. I hope it will be possible for what he had already done to be published in due course.

With warmest greetings and deepest sympathy, I remain,

Yours sincerely,