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PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

May 19, 1960.

Mrs. Z.K. Matthews,
P.O. Box 81,
ALICE.

Dear Mrs. Matthews,

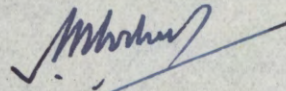
I wonder whether it will be possible for you to pass on to Professor Matthews some information about the article which he kindly wrote for publication in "Optima". If you can do so without difficulty or embarrassment, we would be most grateful; but you must on no account do anything that would cause any additional trouble for Professor Matthews or for yourself. We would like Professor Matthews to know that we are not publishing his article as a supplement in the June issue because, on consulting legal opinion, we were advised that we ran a very serious risk of being accused of contravening the Emergency Regulations. These Emergency Regulations are, as you know, so wide that they leave it open for practically any interpretation to be placed upon them. Nevertheless, we are planning to publish the article just as soon as the withdrawal of the Emergency Regulations makes this possible.

Another factor which has weighed much with us in coming to this decision not to proceed immediately with the publication of the article was that we had hoped to be able to have a talk with Professor Matthews about one or two aspects of what he has written; and we are now quite frankly wondering whether you would be able to pass on to him our thoughts on this matter. We feel that, while the article is excellent so far as it goes, we could have wished that it would deal specifically with the Professor's own ideas of how points of friction which are giving rise to discontent and ill-feeling could be ameliorated on a progressive basis - that is to say, if no final solution is immediately practicable, what would the Professor feel could be done on a progressive basis towards removing causes of discord and discontent? The Professor is aware that our whole approach to this series of supplements is that Black and White can and will live harmoniously together; but it is not sufficient just to state that in broad principle, since there are things in the present social set-up that are not conducive to harmonious life together. We want to be realistic in dealing with these things and in seeing what, from the Professor's point of view, can be done over both the short-term and the long-term to remove these points of friction. This involves an examination of customs or laws which involve a colour bar, and in that examination to show ways and means by which, in a multi-racial society, these difficulties can be, if not

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immediately removed, made more tolerable or acceptable from the point of view of both races. We would very much welcome the Professor's giving some thought to the extent to which he could add to the existing article or bring additional material within the framework of what he has already written. This was, in fact, what we wanted to discuss with him when I wrote my letter asking him whether he would be in Johannesburg at all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. M. M.', written over a horizontal line.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT.