

P. O. Box 139, Umtata, C.P.,  
19th June, 1961.

Dear Dr Matthews,

I had desired to convey my congratulations and my expression of pleasure on the recognition you have earned which has resulted in the conferring on you of an honorary doctorate by the University of Rhodes but when I read in the "Imvo" that you were about to commence a series of articles on well known African personalities I felt you would sooner or later face up to the Jabavus and I decided to wait till after your articles on members of this family before I conveyed my message entrusted to me by Dr Jabavu on at least two occasions in his travels through the Transkei. It was a surprising message when your later friend and former teacher, Dr Jabavu, turned on me and said he had inferred from certain discussions in the Transkei Bunga that we might be looking for a minister of education in our Transkeian set-up and that he felt certain that the people of *the* Transkei "could not do better than inviting Z.K. Matthews for the post, a man he could unreservedly recommend from intimate knowledge over a long time as the best selection for that honour". We then discussed this suggestion at length and I thought he and I had arrived at some definite understanding about it and yet when he visited our area a second time he repeated his proposal. At present the talk is all about ethnic grouping which for obvious reasons is not for us but I cannot at present say more than that. After careful consideration some of us in the Transkei have decided that some association, not necessarily political, must be the basis of our organising efforts and in writing to you and letting you <sup>know</sup> of Dr Jabavu's opinion of you, I seek your consent to the judicious use of your name in our Transkeian circles as occasion presents itself.

My nephew, Jiyana, has asked me to convey his best wishes to you and his hope to visit the Ciskei on some future occasion. In our conversations I have often mentioned my message from Dr Jabavu to my nephew.

Kindly convey my greetings to my cousin, Mrs Matthews, and my best regards to you,

Yours sincerely

*T. M. Makinane*