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Professor D. D. T. Jabavu B.A. (Lond.),
Fort Hare,
ALICE, C.P.

My dear Professor Jabavu,

Rev. J. A. Galata,)
P. O. Cradock, C.P.)

I wish to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter asking me as President-General of the African National Congress to bring my Secretary of the organisation to meet you with a certain selected group of your friends and four Indians and four Coloureds who are at the present stage known to you.

Rev. Tshabangu,)

I do not know how and on what basis the selection of the people you propose to bring was made.

You refer to the meeting as being "utterly informal and non-committal to any organisation and will bear no reference to what we have done jointly before" and yet you chose to invite me officially with my Secretary. I wonder if it would be progressive and constructive at this stage to take an action or actions that will "bear no reference to what we have done jointly before".

Your statements contained in your own letter and the advance steps you have already taken in the matter with some people and other sections even up to the decision of date and time create real difficulties for me and would almost require a decision of my Executive in view of certain actions we had taken together before.

As I am anxious to work with you, I would be prepared to meet and discuss with you any matters that you propose to bring to a joint meeting of Non-European leaders because so far you have left me in the dark as to the real motive of the proposed meeting which seems to have been well understood by the "four Indians and four Coloureds" mentioned in your letter.

Lacking further information justifying my change of attitude, I shall be happy to meet you as stated above.
Yours very sincerely,

PRESIDENT-GENERAL

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