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SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVE COLLEGE

FORT HARE,
ALICE,
CAPE PROVINCE.

26/5/36

Dear Chief Thekedi,

I have now arrived back safely after one of the most interesting tours it has been my privilege to have, and to you as much as to anyone my thanks are due for making it possible for me to see so much. Not only did I see the schools outlying from Serowe but it would not have been possible for me to have visited Mochudi at all had not your kindness brought it within my reach.

I had never seen anywhere such concentrations of Bantu people as are at Serowe, and to a lesser degree at Mochudi, and one wonders what the future development of such large towns will be; whether the local supplies of wabi will be sufficient for all purposes or whether there will be a dispersion over the arable land. The improvement in communications would seem to have simplified the problem of water and made possible what was not feasible when concentration was decided upon, namely close government. The problem of probation I imagine no longer exists. There are of course advantages in concentration: the crux of the matter lies in meeting the public health requirements for such a great number of people. It should be

worthwhile spending some time studying this.

My kilt skin has been greatly admired and now adorns my study. I shall always remember Serowe because of it. Once more I thank you for it.

It was good to see that in the midst of your grave preoccupations you were happily settled in your own home. I hope your efforts to improve the schools will be recognised by the people & the Administration. I know you will do what you can to make the buildings suitable.

Please give my kind regards to Mr Nain & Mr Burns, Captain Nettleton & Mrs Hails. to your mother and your wife. My wife is sending, by separate post, a little gift for your mother.

Accept my best thanks for making my stay so memorable.

Yours very sincerely

Alexander Grey

P.S. Please accept the photo (sent under separate cover) ~~enclosed~~ in exchange for your picture.

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