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Dear Dag,

C. W. J. Jooste

On my arrival in Nairobi last week, from Addis Ababa, besides being greeted by officials of the Government of Kenya, I was also met at the airport by Colonel Jooste, the High Commissioner of the Union of South Africa to the East African territories.

Colonel Jooste informed me that the Government of the Union of South Africa extended a cordial welcome for my visit to the Union, which will begin on my arrival in Johannesburg, Sunday noon, May 8. Colonel Jooste also advised me that I was invited to visit Capetown as well as Pretoria, and that while in the Union of South Africa the Government wished to extend its hospitality to me to be their guest. It seemed only appropriate that I accept this gesture as several other countries which I have already visited on this current trip, have extended the same courtesy.

I think you will be interested to know that the credit and name of the United Nations stands high in all of the countries which I have covered during these past several weeks. Without any initiative on my part, I was cordially received by the Heads of State of Iraq, Iran, the United Arab Republic, and Ethiopia. While I have the practice of infringing as little as possible on the time of key officials, the various Heads of State went out of their way to make the visits quite complete and to express their favourable views on cooperation with UNICEF and the multi-lateral bodies of the United Nations in general.

For the first time I have managed to reach these East African territories, where I am spending a period of some ten days. We originally started work in this area some six years ago; opened an Area Office in Entebbe three and a half years ago, which has since been moved to nearby

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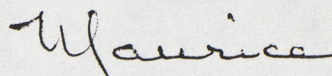
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Kampala. In the period of operations here we have allocated for work in these territories the equivalent of approximately \$2,200,000. As most of the territories have been receiving aid from the United Kingdom, we have not suggested that they make any financial contribution to the central funds of UNICEF. However, in my visits both in Kenya and here in Uganda, I have learned that the appreciation of both Governments for the work is such that they are desirous of contributing to the central funds of UNICEF now that their economies have become more developed and that the countries are moving toward independence.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Maurice Pate
Executive Director, UNICEF