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8th October, 1957.

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Dear Mr Paton,

I am writing to you in connection with a request made by a group of students at Cape Town, who wish to form a scholarship fund for non-European students. The object of their scheme is to raise sufficient money to guarantee at least 15 scholarships for Africans or other non-white students to attend UCT, starting in 1958, the reason being that they are desirous of ensuring that UCT remains open as long as possible. You will remember that the Separate Universities Bill provides that all those students already registered at UCT and Wits will be able to complete their courses.

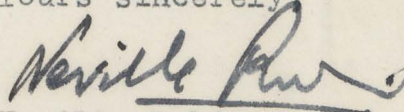
At the present time, the people who saw me have arranged for their incorporation under the Non-European Students' Fund, which is organised by a staff-student committee at the University and has hitherto concerned itself with the provision of loans to Non-European students who require them to maintain themselves while at the University. The chairman is Prof. H.M. Robertson, Professor of Economics at UCT. The students plan to conduct a separate campaign and to raise as much money as possible from the public within the next few months.

They asked me whether you would be prepared to sponsor their appeal. As far as I have been able to gather, this will entail giving them permission to use your name on a letterhead, very much as you have done in the case of the African Medical Scholarships Trust Fund.

The students have already asked my father to act as a sponsor, which he has agreed to do, and will, I understand, be writing to the Archbishop of Cape Town and the Chief Rabbi, Professor Abrahams, in addition to several other prominent South African citizens.

I should very much appreciate it if you could let me know whether you are willing to sponsor the Fund.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Neville Rubin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Neville Rubin

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Lynton Road,  
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18th October, 1957.

Dear Neville,

You may most certainly use my name as a sponsor of your non-European Students' Fund, and if you approach me a little later, I should like to make a donation.

There is an International Arts League of Youth here in Durban, which has notable sponsors, including Yehudi Menuhin. It also has a colour-bar. I first asked the League to change its name or drop the colour-bar. They refused to do either. I then got Yehudi to say he would resign if the colour-bar was maintained. I have now approached all the other sponsors. The next step to take would obviously be to launch a new organisation. Do you think one could raise any support in Cape Town for such a venture? I think Durban would be quite incapable of doing it. Please turn your great mind to this question.

Yours sincerely,

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