

Herbalists.

MH/PEG

26th July, 1950.

Professor Hansi Pollak,  
University of Natal,  
P.O.Box 1525,  
DURBAN.

Dear Professor Pollak,

I was recently in Salisbury and met the  
Manager of Native Administration, who told me that various  
Africans there had been receiving letters such as the one attached.  
He was naturally anxious to find out more about Mr. J.E.Morgan,  
and I offered the help of the Institute.

Do you know of anyone in Umgeni who might  
investigate this matter for us? I should much appreciate  
your advice.

Yours sincerely,

*M.H.*

Muriel Horrell.  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

J.E. MORGAN

KWAMATHATHAKANYE

P.O. BOX 23, UMGENI, NATAL.

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My dear friend,

I received your with pleasure and I understood all the contents. I am now sending you this letter so that you will select the medicines you want then post back the money and the names of the medicines you require. My medicines are very strong and have helped many people in the world.

FOR THE GAMBLERS: This is a powerful medicine when you are very much interested in gambling. It will be simply impossible that you lose when you gamble among a big crowd. Whenever you go for gambling you are sure to win, but understand me properly, this medicine works in many different kinds of ways. The price is £2.10.0d.

MAN OF OTHER MAN: This is a wonderful medicine to man. Whenever you arrive in a crowd of men they all fear you and begin to give you things freely. (With girls) Any girl you see and love her, the first word you speak to her the answer will be: I have been waiting for you for a long time, and I loved you before you thought of me, I was just prepared to tell you that I love you before you spoke to me. When the girl has been in love with the other gentleman, but once you speak to her the other man will be rejected at once. The price is £1.10.0d.

LUCKY CHARMS: This medicine will make you to be the luckiest man in the world, anything you require in the world you will get with ease. Whether you are a business man you will find that your business brings you more than you expected to get.

I am going to fold my hands and wait for you to send me money and the names of the medicines you want. The moment I receive yours I will at once post the medicines to you. I shall be very much obliged to receive from you.

Your friend well known,

J.E. MORGAN.



MH/PEG

1st September, 1950.

Professor Hansi Pollak,  
University of Natal,  
P.O.Box 1525,  
DURBAN.

Dear Professor Pollak,

On 26th July, I wrote to you in connection with a Mr. J.E.Morgan of Umgeni who was advertising medicines for luck, for personality, etc.. I am so sorry to worry you again, but shall be so appreciative if you will put me in touch with someone who might make investigations for us.

Yours sincerely,

Muriel Horrell. (Miss)  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

MH/PEG

21st September, 1950.

K. Kirkwood, Esq.,  
University of Natal,  
P.O.Box 1525,  
DURBAN.

Dear Mr. Kirkwood,

During July I wrote to Professor Hansi Pollak in connection with a Mr. J.E. Morgan of whom I heard when visiting Salisbury. The attached letter explains the position. Colonel Hartley, Manager of Native Administration, was anxious to find out more about Mr. Morgan.

I asked Prof. Pollak if she knew of anyone in Umgeni who might investigate the matter. As we have had no reply, in spite of a reminder letter, I am wondering if she is away.

Will you be kind enough to suggest how we might tackle this question? I shall so much appreciate your help.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

MH

Muriel Horrell. (Miss) TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
"COMCOLL." DURBAN.

TELEPHONE 29746.

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UNIVERSITY OF NATAL  
CITY BUILDING,  
P.O. BOX 1525, DURBAN.



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CITY BUILDING,  
UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
(OFF WARWICK AVE.)

DURBAN.

CONFIDENTIAL.

2nd October, 1950.

Dear Miss Horrell,

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I do not know Morgan, but he is probably a Medicine Man and Herbalist as defined in Chapter XIII Sections 119-129 of the Natal Code of Native Law. I presume from his letter that he is an African. The help of two African friends of mine has been enlisted to find out more about Morgan and his practice and they will confirm whether he is an African. The best known medicine men and herbalists in Durban are Messrs. Alexander and Twala, both are very wealthy, especially the former who appears to own two large motor-cars and a handsome home and property in Durban. Not long ago he figured in a court case to do with the sale of his practice for £200,000 or so. I understand that both Alexander and Twala dispense and sell love potions, lucky charms etc. in addition to their other activities. I have been told of an Indian in Pietermaritzburg who recently purchased a tiny bottle of love magic for 6/6 which proved unsuccessful, so it is probable that the superstitions of all races make use of these practitioners in order to win fair ladies' hearts or balance their books.

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(b) Licensed izinyanga zokwelapa and izinyanga zemiti may only practise within the Province of Natal. They may not "transmit by post or otherwise any document, book, pamphlet, circular, poster, letter or other document to any place outside the Province of Natal, describing any

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of their remedies, or stating the fact that they are practising, or entitled to practise, or inviting any person to consult them or purchase their remedies or make use of their services in any way whatsoever". (Section 125 (1)).

The penalty for contravening this sub-section entails cancellation of the licence in addition to any other penalty. It seems clear that Morgan has contravened this sub-section.

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With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Ken. Kishwood

P.S. I shall let you have more information about Morgan immediately it comes to me.

Copy loose as you wish. Have shown to Hansi Pollak.

Stop Press: There is a J.E. Morgan, apparently a European, in the Red Hill area near Durgeni, but shall check. Think you might write to the C.N.C. in any case.  
K.K.

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NH/dar.

9th October 1950.

The Manager,  
Native Administration Department,  
Market Square,  
Salisbury, S.R.

Dear Colonel Hartley,

You will remember that you spoke to both Mr. Kenneth Kirkwood and me about a certain Mr. J.E. Morgan from Umgeni, Natal, who has been sending circulars to Africans in Salisbury advertising medicines for success in gambling, love, etc. I have been in touch with Mr. Kirkwood and Prof. Hansi Pollak of the University of Natal in the matter.

Mr. Kirkwood has now written to say that he is investigating whether Morgan is a European or an African. If he is an African, he is possibly registered as a Medicine Man and Herbalist as defined in Chapter XIII Sections 119-129 of the Natal Code of Native Law. If he is not so registered, he has committed an offence in advertising medicines at all. If he is so registered he has committed offences in (1) advertising his wares outside the Province of Natal, and (2) professing a knowledge of the use of spells or charms.

Mr. Kirkwood says he will send me further information about Morgan as soon as he receives this. He considers that it would be best for the Institute as such (and not himself as an individual) to take this matter up, and I am therefore writing at once to the Chief Native Commissioner for Natal. Mr. Kirkwood asked me to let you know that we are working together.

I will write again as soon as we receive any further information.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

<sup>pd</sup>  
Muriel Horrell (Miss)  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

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QW/dar.

9th October 1950.

Chief Native Commissioner for Natal,  
PIETERMARITZBURG.  
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Dear Sir,

I was recently in Salisbury, and met the City Manager of Native Administration. He handed me a circular from a certain J.E. Morgan of Umgeni, Natal, advertising lucky charms, love potions, etc. This circular had been sent to an African in his employ, and he understood that various other Africans in Salisbury also had received them. I enclose a copy. Colonel Hanley (the Manager of Native Administration, Market Square, Salisbury) has the original.

I am uncertain as to whether J.E. Morgan is an African or a European. So far as I understand the position, if he is an African who is not registered as a Medicine Man and Herbalist, he has committed an offence in advertising medicines at all. On the other hand, if he is an African who is registered as a Medicine Man and Herbalist he has committed offences in (1) advertising his wares outside the Province of Natal, and (2) professing a knowledge of the use of spells or charms. I am uncertain what the position would be if he is a European, but it seems unlikely that the action would be legal.

Will you please be kind enough to let me know what action you suggest could be taken? We are not aware of the present applicability of Chapter XIII of the Natal Code of Native Law, nor of the present outlook and practice of the administration.

We shall much appreciate your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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Muriel Horrell (Miss)  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

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MH/dar.

9th October 1950.

K. Kirkwood Esq.  
P.O. Box 1525,  
DURBAN.

Mr. J.E. Morgan.

Dear Mr. Kirkwood,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of the 2nd October 1950, and for all the trouble you have gone to in suggesting what action we should take in regard to Mr. Morgan's circular advertising love potions, etc. Your letter was most interesting.

I have written, as you suggested, to the Chief Native Commissioner for Natal, sending him a copy of the circular and asking him to suggest what action should be taken. Also I have written to Colonel Hartley in Salisbury, telling him that you think the Institute ( and not you as an individual) should take the matter up, and passing on the information you sent.

I am so grateful for your help. It's a matter right outside my knowledge and experience, but one learns!

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*MS*

Muriel Horrell (Miss)  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
AND SOCIAL WORK  
UNIVERSITY OF NATAL  
P.O. Box 1525, DURBAN

12th October, 1950.

*MH*

Miss M. Horrell,  
Technical Assistant,  
The S.A. Institute of Race Relations (Inc.),  
P.O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Miss Horrell,

I am so sorry I have been so long in replying to your letter regarding Mr. J.E. Morgan.

I asked several people to assist in this and through the enquiries initiated the matter has finally been taken up by the local C.I.D. This morning Mr. P.J. Rawlins of the C.I.D. called on me and advised me that J.E. Morgan was a pseudonym and that the owner of the box was in fact an African (I have forgotten his name), that he is not licensed as a medicine man under the Natal Act, and that he does receive a very large number of registered letters. Mr. Rawlins said he is unable to take any further action at this stage without any supporting affidavits from persons who have in fact sent him the money. Mr. Rawlins is communicating direct with the Manager of the Native Affairs Department, Salisbury, and will ask him to submit the necessary affidavits.

In the meantime should you have any further information on your files would you kindly communicate direct with Mr. P.J. Rawlins, C.I.D., P.O. Box 1048, Durban.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

*H.P. Poliak*

H.P. POLIAK,  
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF  
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16 OCT 1950

P.O. BOX ~~526~~ 1976

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WHEN REPLYING, PLEASE QUOTE

REF. No. M.13.

COMM. No. 6320-37



NATIVE ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT.

~~SPEKE AVENUE~~  
MARKET SQUARE,  
SALISBURY.

CITY OF SALISBURY  
SOUTHERN RHODESIA

12th October, 1950.

*MP*

Miss M. Horrell,  
Technical Assistant,  
The S.A. Institute of Race Relations,  
19, Stiemens Street,  
BRAAMFONTEIN.  
Johannesburg.

Dear *Miss Horrell,*

Many thanks indeed for your letter of 9th  
October, 1950.

I was very interested to hear of the action  
you have taken in the matter of the sale of the "quack"  
medicines we discussed and would express my appreciation of  
the expeditious manner in which you have moved, very many  
thanks.

I shall look forward to hearing of the progress  
of your investigations in due course.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
DIRECTOR.

GHH/ES.

16 OCT 1950



MH/PEG.

17th October, 1950.

The Direktor,  
Native Administration Department,  
P.O.Box 1976,  
SALISBURY, S. Rhodesia.

Dear

Thank you for your letter reference M.13 of the 12th October, 1950.

I have to-day heard from Professor Hansi Pollak of the University of Natal. She says that as result of enquiries initiated by her at our request and by Mr. Kirkwood, this matter has now been taken up by the Criminal Investigation Department. It has been ascertained that "J.E.Morgan" is a pseudonym assumed by an African who is not registered as a medicine man under the Natal Act. He receives a very large number of registered letters.

The C.I.D. is unable to take further action at this stage without supporting affidavits from persons who have sent maney to "J.E.Morgan". They are writing direct to you in the matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Muriel Horrell (Miss) TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

MH/PEG

17th October, 1950.


Chief Native Commissioner for Natal,  
PIETERMARITZBURG.

Dear Sir,

On 9th October, 1950, I wrote to you in connection with a Mr. J.E. Morgan of Umgene, Natal, who has been advertising love potions, lucky charms, etc..

I now learn that as result of preliminary investigations we made, the C.I.D. has now taken up the matter. Mr. P.J. Rawlins of the C.I.D. P.O.Box 1048, Durban, is handling the case.

Yours faithfully,

  
Muriel Horrell (Miss).  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

MH/PEG

17th October, 1950.

K. Kirkwood, Esq.,  
University of Natal,  
P.O.Box 1525,  
DURBAN.

Dear Mr. Kirkwood,

Professor Pollak has written to say that the C.I.D. has now taken up the matter of Mr. J.E.Morgan's affairs. It appears that he is an African and is not registered as a medicine man.

Thank you so much for all you and Professor Pollak have done. I'm glad to have learned something of Natal's regulations for herbalists and medicine men, and am so grateful for the explanation you gave.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Muriel Horrell (Miss) TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

17th October, 1950.

Professor H.P.Pollak,  
Head of Department of Sociology & Social Work,  
University of Natal,  
P.O.Box 1525,  
DURBAN.

Dear Professor Pollak,

Thank you so much for your letter of 12th October, 1950, reference SA/9, and for all you have done in regard to the sale of "quack" medicines by Mr. G. E. Morgan. We are most grateful to you.

I have noted that if we receive any further information, this should be sent to Mr. Rawlins of the C.I.D..

With kind regards and many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

  
Muriel Horrell(Miss)  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

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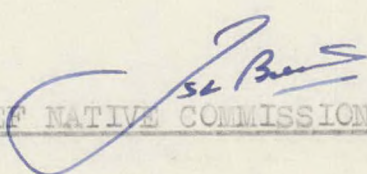
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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th October, 1950, and to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

Yours faithfully,

  
CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER : NATAL.

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Miss M. Horrell, B.Sc., M.B.E.,  
Technical Assistant,  
The S.A. Institute of Race Relations,  
P.O. Box 97,  
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear *Miss Horrell,*

Advertisement of Pseudo Medicines  
for sale to Africans.

Further to our correspondence of October last year, I send herewith specimens of literature at present being distributed by one I.J. Ndhlovu who has turned his attention to Rhodesia.

Possibly you may feel disposed to have his business investigated along similar lines to those followed in the case of "J.E. Morgan".

I hope you are fit. We had Mr. & Mrs. Rheinallt-Jones here the other week and were able to shew them round.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J. Maitland*  
DIRECTOR.

27 APR 1951

MH/PW

Ref. No. C/A/4/1

1st May, 1951.

Mr. P. J. Rawlins,  
C.I.D.,  
P.O. Box 1048,  
DURBAN.

Dear Sir,

In October of last year, at our request, Professor Hansi Pollak of the University of Natal got into touch with you in connection with a "J.P. Morgan" of Umgeni who had been advertising lucky charms, medicines for gamblers, etc., in Rhodesia. You were kind enough to take the matter up.

I now enclose specimens of literature at present being distributed in Rhodesia by Messrs. I. J. Ndhlovu and Co., of Durban. These were sent to us by the Director, Native Administration Department, P. O. Box 1976, Salisbury, who asked us to have the matter investigated. We shall be most grateful if you will be kind enough to determine whether any action is warranted.

Yours faithfully,

  
Muriel Horrell - Miss  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

MR/PW

C/A/4/1

1st May, 1951.

Mr. G. Hartley,  
Director,  
Native Administration Department,  
P.O. Box 1976,  
SALISBURY  
S. RHODESIA.

Dear Mr. Hartley,

Thank you for your letter reference No. M 13 of the 24th April, 1951. I have forwarded the copies you sent of the literature being distributed by I.J. Ndhlovu to the C.I.D., Durban, and have asked the officer in charge there to investigate the matter.

I am sorry that a reply to your letter was delayed. I have just returned from a most delightful holiday spent in East London, and while there saw an excellent community hall being built for Africans by the National War Memorial Health Foundation.

We shall be interested to hear Mr. Rheinallt Jones's impressions of his tour with you, and of your method of financing African housing.

How is Mrs. Hartley? I do hope that she is very much improved in health.

With kind regards,

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