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Dear Mr. Pogrand,

Thank you for your letter of August 1st. Your courage in attending to the problems of the Sobukwes, in view of your own great difficulties, is nothing short of astounding. I can only stand in awe.

I have telephoned the acting Director of the African Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Daniel Kunene. Mr. Kunene has arranged to have the offer from the Madison, Wisconsin, Hospital renewed, for which I am relieved. In a short time, Mrs. Sobukwe will receive a letter from the hospital, describing the terms of her offer of employment. I understand that she may use this letter in order to obtain a visa from the U. S. authorities.

There is one further matter, concerning which I would appreciate a response from you, or from Mr. Sobukwe. I would imagine that the problem of paying for air fares for Mrs. Sobukwe and her children will present an insurmountable obstacle for Mr. Sobukwe. I understand that Mr. Kunene will appeal for aid from a Presbyterian mission organization, in New York. But I do wish you and Mr. and Mrs. Sobukwe to know that if all of the more conventional means of assistance prove unavailing, that I will be ready to help with this. In a sense, having involved myself in this enterprise so far, I feel a moral obligation to help, but aside from that we are all looking forward to the arrival of Mrs. Sobukwe and her children. So will you or Mr. Sobukwe please let me know how this matter of paying for the air tickets stands, at present?

I seem to have made several close friends, through our simple effort to obtain the services of Robert Sobukwe as a lecturer at Roosevelt University. I regret that it has been under circumstances of such difficulty, but the friendship is there, none-the-less, and I hope you understand how much it has meant to me.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank Untermyer*

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cc: Mr. Robert Sobukwe

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