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## LETTER/APPOINTMENT OF PROF. E. MPHAHLELE

The Executive Secretary African Studies Association Brandeis University Waltham, Mass. 02154 U.S.A. 07-8-1978

Dear Mr. Duffy

## APPOINTMENT OF PROF. E. MPHAHLELE

With reference to your letter of 17 May 1978 I wish to advise you by direction of the Honourable W.A. Cruywagen, Minister of Education and Training of the Republic of South Africa that it would appear that you have based your protest on the erroneous assumption that the position of Professor in English at the University of the North has been offered to Dr. Mphahlele. This is not correct. Dr. Mphahlele has never been offered this position; neither by the University, nor by the Government.

I wish to assure you that the decision not to appoint Dr. Mphahlele to the position for which he had applied, was motivated solely by a sense of responsibility to the people concerned after careful consideration had been given to all the information and facts at my Minister's disposal. I have no doubt that the University has accepted my Minister's ruling in that light.

Yours faithfully Private Secretary/Ministry of Education and Training Republic of South Africa