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MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
EDENVALE.

1st October, 1941.

Senator R. Jones,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Sir,

RE: NATIVE LOCATION.

With reference to your telephonic communication with me in regard to certain natives who have been given notice to quit the Location, I beg to advise as follows:-

My Council purchased a certain 110 acres for the purpose of a Native Location in 1938. My Council proposed to obtain a Sub-economic Housing Loan for the purpose of constructing dwellings thereon for the Natives. However in view of the International situation, my Council has decided to drop the proposed scheme for the meantime and to allow natives who are bone fide employed within the area of jurisdiction falling under the Edenvale Municipality to construct dwellings thereon.

Shortly after my Council purchased the present Location Site, a number of natives without any authority squatted on the Location and built thereon small unhealthy iron and wood huts. Some two years back in view of the unhealthy condition prevailing, my Council gave all these natives notice to quit. However in view of a request from Mr Jenner, the Native Commissioner for Germiston, my Council withdrew these notices and allowed the natives to remain thereon temporarily until such time as they could make other arrangements. These natives have however made no effort to remove from the Location, but instead many others have taken up residence there.

At present there are approximately 150 families squatting on the Location, more than 50 per cent of whom are either employed in Germiston or Johannesburg or are unemployed. In view of this my Council has given all natives who are not employed in Edenvale up to the 30th of November to quit the Location.

You will appreciate the difficulty of my Council. The size of the Location grounds is not unlimited, moreover there are numerous natives employed in Edenvale, who are living within the boundaries of the Township, and my Council is anxious to get these natives removed to the location. Should my Council allow any number of natives employed in other Municipal Areas, or un-employed to remain on the present Location site, it would not be long before the present location site is crowded out. Moreover the present

conditions prevailing in the Location are intolerable. The majority of natives who have been given notice are the type who make no effort to obtain work and^{are}/therefore the undesirable type of native. As regards the remainder my Councils sees no reason why they should undertake the responsibility of other Municipalities in housing natives that are employed in these Municipalities' areas of jurisdiction.

I feel sure that you will appreciate that my Council is by no means unreasonable. I may moreover add that all these natives have been notified that should they obtain employment in Edenvale before the 30th November they would be entitled to remain on the Location site.

I trust that the matter is now clear and fully understood by you.

Yours faithfully,

EDENVALE VILLAGE COUNCIL.
DORPSRAAD.

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Town Clerk.
Stadsklerk.