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Mr. J. H. ...
Astronomical Soc. of ... Africa,
... Town.

Mr. J. H. ...

I cannot thank you sufficiently for all the kindness and consideration I received at your hands when I gave my proposal at the end of last year. Let me only say they were appreciated by me.

I have also to thank you for your letter of the 26th June and feel grateful to the Committee for their action over the cost of the wasted

... was good enough to accept my suggestion that he should draft a resolution and asked me to draft one for his consideration and I have accordingly done so and enclose it. If I send it to you properly because I am not sure of his address. Will you please be good enough to let him have it at your convenience. I feel rather strongly on this subject as you may infer. My idea is that the National Committee should be controlled by the Astr. Soc., outside members should be co-opted by the Minister for the Interior might be one or he should nominate to serve for one or three years - the President of the ... and the ... should each also appoint a member which member should be ... The Union Astronomer and perhaps the Director of the ... survey should also hold office ex-officio - and the number might be set up to 9 by selection from and by your Committee. These are suggestions.

The main thing is to form a real live National Committee which shall be the true interest of Astronomers at heart and be sufficiently influential to carry weight with the Government if necessity should arise.

It would be well to try and fix the dates upon which the Committee meet, perhaps one date a year obligatorily and others if necessary should be an understood thing that the Union Astr. should present or even be charged with drawing up the report of the Committee

I have in my mind a sort of Board of Visitors - modified to fall in with the traditions of the Union.

I shall also like to see Mr. Astronomer on the U.A.S.A. Soc. and I would be glad to see him (and invited) to take part in our deliberations - not entitled to vote - this for obvious reasons.

I am afraid that I am asking rather a lot from Mr. ... and yourself also the Committee of the ... Astr. Soc. - but as I have already said I am somewhat strongly on the subject and do wish to avoid astronomical discussion in ... Africa. So please excuse if possible my verbosity and I am hoping you end with every good wish

I remain, etc.
(sd) L.T.A. James.

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I remain, etc.
(d) L.T.A. Innes.

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agrees: (1) that in the opinion of this committee, a South African
National Astronomical Committee should be formed as an integral part of
the International Astronomical Union, and recommends the formation of
this committee to the Hon. the Minister for the Interior.

(2) It further suggests that the personnel of this committee
should be constituted as follows :-

- (i) The Minister for the Interior or a person appointed by him.
- (ii) The President of the Royal Soc. of ... and of the S. Afr.
Assoc. for the Adv. of Science or persons appointed by **him**
- (iii) The Union Astronomer and the Director of the ...
ex-officio.
- (iv) Four persons to be appointed by the committee of the Astr.
soc. of ...

(3) This committee notes with satisfaction that the Un.
is already an adherent to the Int. Astr. Union.