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The document is a typed transcription of 6 letters by Elza Miles. They are of correspondence on the stipend and grant given to Ernest Mancoba whilst in Paris:

- (1) dated 13.10.1941, between unknown officer W.C. du Plessis and Senator Rheinalt Jones tabulating payments made;
- (2) dated 5.3.1945, between unknown author to J.S. Hurter, Secretary of South African department of Internal Affairs recommending continuation of stipend to encourage Mancoba to stay abroad;
- (3) reply agreeing to proposal dated 5.3.1945 signed by T.H.V. Honck, Minister of Internal Affairs
- (4) dated 29.3.1945, between T.H.V. Honck and Secretary of the Department of Native affairs asking about recovery of grants by Mancoba's South African guarantors
- (5) reply dated 18.4.1946 refers to item (3)
- (6) dated 27.4.1946, resolution to waive recovery of grants, signed by T.H.V. Honck

TRANSCRIPTION

(transcription by W. Sze)

[handwritten by Elza Miles:] For Ernest

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Interior file H1296 dated 05/03/1945

Semi-official letter to mr J S Hurter

We are however disposed to put before you another view, and that is that the relief being offered to Mancoba at present should not be terminated too soon. If he is financially assisted for a fair period he may decide to stay in France or elsewhere on the Continent. As you know the colour question does not loom so largely on the Continent as it does in this

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J.S. Hurter, secretary of Interior Affairs, Cape Town 29/03/1945

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Hönck to Secretary of Native Affairs, 29/03/1945: Asks about guarantees on application for passport. Reply refers to Rheinalt Jones
18/04/46 Secretary of Native Affairs referred to Mears' and Hurter's proposal re Mancoba's repatriation

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