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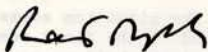
Dear Benjie,

Thanks for your letters. The situation seems very difficult. As I understand it the first commitment was met (after the postal strike hold-up was past) and Jones St. or their head office acknowledged receipt. This was long ago. There is a belief here that such transmissions, to certain listed people, have to be notified higher up statewide, so perhaps there was a deliberate blocking. Could Bob ask direct at Jones St.? It sounds a crazy question, as he has probably done so repeatedly. But as far as one is concerned here, that transmission went off and Jones St. should have had it ages ago. I made a fuss when you told me nothing had happened and was told (just before your last letter, i.e. about 7 May) that a much smaller transmission was being made by post and that it was proposed to use this method, irregularly perhaps in time but amounting to the same thing. By 21 May there had been no acknowledgement from Mrs Bob to whom the letter had gone, so that too may not have arrived. I realise you are filling the gap and think this is a shocking state of affairs when all is laid on this end but the people concerned just don't seem to be able to get their arrangements right. I think what is needed is an alternative to Jones St. and Mrs Bob. I have proposed this but no response here yet to the idea. Have you a good suggestion? I don't like writing about these confidential matters to your office, knowing how the girls slit open the mail here without looking to see if it's personal or not. Where else?

I feel sure we shall straighten things out soon and feel for you in a troublesome situation. One has a slight problem this end, which adds to the difficulty. I do hope the hernia business is not painful and clears

up quickly.

Yours,



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