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Lynton Road, KLOOF.

24th July, 1957.

Dear Ian,

Pat Duncan gave me your cheque for £20. Very many thanks for this generous contribution to our Party funds. I have sent the cheque to Head Office in Maritzburg, and you should get an official receipt in due course.

Peter Brown was to have come up to see you and to tell you about the Party, but unfortunately he suffered a serious concussion on the polo field, and, although recovering, is still in bed. However you can be assured that one of us will come up as soon as we can.

The trees that you gave us are all alive so far as one can see in this rather cold weather. I am looking forward to their coming out into leaf. By the way, I bought a plant called Mackaya Bella from Dunrobin Nurseries, and they tell me it is an indigenous flowering shrub. Is it by any chance a gardenia? The two trees I am most anxious about are the ones that you potted for us, and they are still in the tins. These are the ones you may remember which have the beautiful Spring foliage. Was the name Bridelia Macrantha. Do you think the enclosed leaf is the same? It comes from a tree of a neighbour of ours, which is a splendid sight in the Spring.

Affectionate regards to Jean and yourself from us both.

P.S. I hope you are keeping my raincoat safely.

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