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Dear Benjamin,

How good it was to hear from you in your letter of the 12th December and also in regard to the attached sealed envelope.

It was good to talk to Anne and to learn that she is very much improved and I do hope that her holiday proved a further benefit to her.

I have not been receiving the Panos material to which you refer and certainly Austen Massey from the Christian Citizenship Department of the Methodist Church has not been receiving it either. Please would you check your mailing list to see if all is well.

I was thrilled to learn of the news of the book and the progress being made and I look forward to hearing when it is published.

I would like to refer to the private notes that you sent to me and as I indicated to Anne on the telephone, I had to wait a little while in order to make contact with certain people who purported to bear knowledge of this matter. When I eventually went to my meeting in Soweto, I only returned that night having waited something like four hours for the person to arrive only to be met with the fact that there was a total clamp up in regard to information.

One thing that I can tell you is that when I was General Secretary I thundered two visits for Biko to visit Sobukwe, but whether the visits actually took place, I cannot tell you. I passed the money through various channels to Mr Biko to allow it to happen and thus I was seeking confirmation from my old contacts that in fact the visit had taken place.

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I cannot understand why there is a silence in regard to this issue and I think that you must then judge how best you are going to use the information that I am now giving you, knowing that there is no proof on my part that the visits actually took place.

I take this opportunity of wishing you everything of the best for the new year. It would be lovely to see you here. There is an off-chance of my visiting England round about May or August to undertake some studies in respect of mental handicap. I will keep you informed in regard to this and we hope then to be able to make some significant contact as the period of study will be for something like three weeks.

Yours sincerely,



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