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16 October 1962

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the contribution of £ 25,000 made by the Government of South Africa to the programmes of this Office and the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration. In accordance with your request, an amount of £ 12,500.00 is being transferred to the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration to be used for the transportation of refugees to countries of resettlement.

I should be most grateful if you would kindly convey my deep appreciation to your Government for the continuing interest it is taking in the task of bringing international assistance to refugees.

Please find enclosed UNHCR Voluntary Fund Receipt No. 603733 covering the above-mentioned amount.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Felix Schneider  
High Commissioner for Refugees

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South Africa,  
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17 October 1962

Mr. V.R. Hicks  
P.O. Box 672  
Johannesburg

Dear Mr. Hicks,

I thank you for your letter of 2 October and your efforts to follow up on our letter to the South African Government concerning that country's accession to the 1951 Refugee Convention.

I gather that the matter is now under active consideration on the part of the State Department concerned. It would seem, however, that no definite reply must be expected before a certain time.

In this connection, I should like to inform you that one of our legal officers, Mr. Frank E. Krenz, will visit South Africa shortly on home leave. Mr. Krenz hopes to take this opportunity to pass through Johannesburg at the end of November to meet you personally and to have an informal discussion about matters concerning the Office, especially legal protection.

It is our intention that Mr. Krenz call on one or two officials from the South African Foreign Affairs Department for a general exchange of views about the 1951 Convention and related matters. Mindful of the attitude taken by the authorities in the past, such a visit should constitute no more than a discreet desire on the part of this Office to be of assistance in any question they might wish to raise. I would be grateful if, in this matter, you could assist Mr. Krenz in making his arrangements. He will write to you shortly to give further details.

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation,  
I remain

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. P. Weis

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PERSONAL

18 October 1962

Mr. V.R. Hicks,  
P.O. Box 672,  
Johannesburg

Dear Mr. Hicks,

Following on Dr. Weis' letter to you of 17 October, I should be glad to be allowed to set out briefly some details concerning my forthcoming trip to South Africa.

As Dr. Weis wrote, my wife and I are flying to South Africa at the end of this month to spend about four weeks in Capetown. We have arranged to stop over in Pretoria on the return journey, and this from about 1st to 5th December.

I should very much like to have an opportunity of meeting you in Johannesburg. We could then have a talk about UNHCR generally and, if necessary, legal protection in particular. I have, of course, spoken to Dr. Beermann on a few occasions about your activities in South Africa and I hereby transmit to you his best greetings.

Moreover, this Office would find it useful if I could call on the Foreign Office in Pretoria and I would be grateful if you were able to accompany me. I would be a courtesy call to "take the temperature" and nothing more.

As to a possible date for our meeting and eventual trip to Pretoria, I would suggest the following: as the time originally planned in Pretoria-Johannesburg is already rather taken up with friends and relations, I might come up from Capetown one day earlier and be available on 30 November. If things could be fitted together into one day, I should think we could, for instance, meet in the morning and go to Pretoria in the afternoon. I would be very grateful if you could let me know what you think of such an arrangement. My address in Capetown, where I shall be from 5th to 29th November, is the following: c/o Victoria House, Belmont Road, Rondebosch, Cape. As I will be leaving Geneva already next week, I think it would be best if you would drop me a line directly to Capetown.

I am looking forward to meeting you and, in the meantime, I remain

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F.E. Krenz'.

F.E. Krenz

*20th November OK  
10 a.m. Friday*

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22 October 1962

Dear Mr. Hicks,

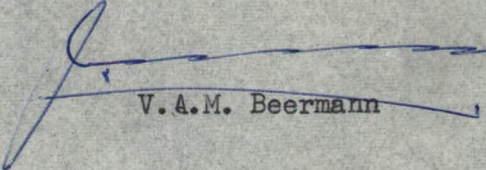
Thank you for your note of 2 October concerning the contribution of the Government of South Africa to the Regular Programme of this Office.

In the meantime, you will have received Branch Office Memorandum No 35/62 of 5 October, describing the action taken by the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe. Of course, this Recommendation is first of all directed to the Governments Members of the Council; the High Commissioner hopes, however, that also a number of extra-European Governments, whose countries have strong ties with this Continent, will join in this movement of international solidarity. You will have noted from para 5 that the Recommendation "will become fully operative only once the Committee of Ministers has pronounced on the text". For your own information, we expect that this meeting of the Committee will be held some time in the second half of December. Of course, you will be kept informed of further developments.

It is only fair to say that the implementation of such a Recommendation is far from easy in terms of obtaining firm promises from Governments for special contributions. The High Commissioner has been in touch with a number of European Governments in this matter; he also intends to highlight his needs for funds and the action of the Council of Europe during the forthcoming meeting of his Executive Committee, which, as you know, starts on 22 October. Further steps will be taken when appropriate; ~~and contact will be made with your country.~~ At that time, I shall discuss with Mr. Schnyder the question of his writing a special letter to Pretoria, which you will be asked to deliver.

It would be very helpful if you could keep the matter alive whenever possible. Efforts of this kind need time and patience.

Met vele hartelijke groeten, ook aan de familie,

  
V.A.M. Beermann

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