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Dear Ahmed,

It was a great treat to hear from you after such a long interval. Many, many thanks for your interesting and newsy letter. I was so relieved to learn that all goes well with you and that you are settling in to your home environment once more. I was fascinated about the changes that have taken place in such a relatively short space of time. There have been a number of photographs of the great metropolis of Johannesburg on the television recently. What with your election, cricket and student demos you have been much in the news. I must say the scene looks more like New York these days than somewhere in "Darkest Africa". It certainly looks like a very interesting and lively city.

Finally our long grey dreary winter is over. Spring has arrived. As dramatically as always. It is warm and soft, the greens are so very green. The trees are all splendidly decked in pink and white blossom, the smell of the lilac and may flower is indiscribable, tulips and wall flowers are everywhere in banks of vivid colour. Tonight is clear and bright, every star is clearly visible and a bright moon is shining in at the window. This is such a rare sight here, that one simply wants to gaze and gaze at this wonder, in case it never happens again. When it is like this I do so resent having to go to work. I feel I should be allowed to take every sunny day off and go up the river or just toll around in one of the beautiful parks, and get drenched with sunshine.

Alas, I am too discerptired and can only hope that next week end, being Whitsun bank holiday will continue fine so that I can, with a clear conscience make the most of it. It always seems so absurd to write to someone in South Africa and rave about the weather here. But then we never get blöse - it

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never lasts long enough, so naturally we appreciate those brief moments of blissful sunshine and each year when Spring begins it is as if a miracle has occurred, and I feel like a brand new person again!

Norma and Bob have had a baby boy and are very proud parents indeed. Norma copes very well, in fact they are both quite unflappable and seem very happy with the new offspring. They send you regards and best wishes.

I have been working very hard, but do manage a few breaks. We had a very good party on Saturday night at Bills. You would have loved it - especially all the fantactic gear everyone wore. Bill was the star turn. His hair is now below his shoulders - he wore red velvet pants, a purple satin shirt with bell sleeves and ruffles, a huge silver chain necklace and marvellous shoes with great big buckles. What woman has a hope of competing with that? And he was, as ever, the perfect host. It was great fun and we all had a marvellous time. The only thing that could have made it quite perfect was your presence. We missed you there and many of your old friends asked about you and were pleased to hear that we were in touch again.

Last night we went to see a very good film - Women in Love - I shouldn't think it will ever be shown on your screens. A very X film but extremely sensitively presented. There was one beautiful scene with two men having a friendly wrestling match in the nude in a lavish room in front of a great log fire. Alan Bates was one of the actors in the scene. There were of course, also nude sequences between men and women, so it had something for everyone! Seriously though, it was first rate and magnificently acted. Perhaps it will still be on when you next come on a visit.

Have you any plans about coming this way in the foreseeable future? No, of course this is a stupid question. It would be too much to hope for so soon.

Everyone here is thinking about the summer holidays. In fact this thinking commences right af-

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ter Xmas - on Boxing Day to be exact. I have now looked through thousands of holiday brochures - they're all so damned enticing but the prices just manage to knock out the French Riviera, Italy and just about every other place where the sun always shines and the vino is cheap. As usual, I will manage to get away at the eleventh hour as I always do. As usual too, it will be where the sun only shines intemittently and where the vino is not so cheap. But who knows, I could pull a football pool win out of the bag or even a premium bond! Then I promise to join you in sunny South Africa

I certainly have rambled on, just as I used to do when you were sitting beside me. It was good to "chat" to you once more. Keep well, keep writing.

Regards to all.

Stephanie.

KODESKRIF : KEERKANT VAN BRIEF :

J/S/1/17/5/70

Dear Stephen,

The Central Committee sends it's heartfelt congratulations to you on the progress you are making in the difficult mission which you have accepted. Your letter was indeed inspiring in its dedication to our work and the steps you have taken to implement the tasks. We are confident that you will go about them with all necessary care and that you will ensure all necessary security.

(1) PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT :

Please let us know in more detail how you have solved this problem. This may help us to give advice to other contacts with similar missions.

(2) LIST OF 8,000 :

Please give us a general breakdown of the composition of the list. Is it based on telephone directory? If possible state the proportion of youth, workers, rural people etc.

(3) POLITICAL LITERATURE :

(a) Do you think it is wise if you provide us with

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one or more "clean" addresses to which some of the more general and relatively innocuous stuff can be posted openly (but remember each person you approach for this purpose must suspect you are an activist of some sort).

- (b) We are preparing a selection of the more "dangerous" material which you requested and you will be advised in good time on the method we will use to get it to you.
- (c) We are taking steps to obtain the Moslem material in India and hope to arrange for it to be sent direct from there to appropriate persons and bodies.

(4) INDIAN NEWSPAPER OR NEWSLETTER :

You have the go-ahead to begin production and distribution as soon as you judge that this can be done with maximum security and you have the necessary reliable forces to work with. Please give us some idea of what you have in mind on content, format, imprint and method of distribution, a message from Dadoo to be inserted in the first issue will be forwarded to you in a few days time.

(5) SUB GROUPS :

- (a) We have no objection to the names you propose. The method of working with them should conform to (OU) the lines of our final talk over coffee.
- (b) MISS DESAI : When you talk of recruitment to "our movement" we assume you mean the party. We will inform you of our decision soon.
- (c) We look forward to your short list of potential recruits.

(6) If you wish to write to Ruth Longone please do not discuss any form of politics. She has been given similar advice. Please give us more details of a matter you mentioned in a letter to her (posted by someone in London) which suggests that you may have been visited by a suspicious character soon after your return home.

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(7) MONTHLY STUDENTS NEWSLETTER :

You also mention this in passing. Please give more details as to intentions. Is this an immediate or a future plan. Will it interfere with our first priority? (The Indian newsletter).

(8) CONVENTIONAL SIGNALS AND FORMULAS :

CONVENTIONAL SIGNALS :

- (a) Letters with no secret text will have the date written thus : "23-12-69".
- (b) Letters with secret text on back of innocent text using formula "A" will conclude with "REGARDS TO ALL".
- (c) Letters with secret text on back of innocent text, using formula "B", will have a postscript on the innocent side of letter.
- (d) Letters with secret message, using formula "C" will have the date, written thus : "23/12/69".
- (e) All letters with secret messages will be numbered in the hidden text i.e. J/S/2/6/12/69 indicates that this is the 2nd letter from J to S, posted on 6th Dec. 1969.
- (f) All secret messages will conclude with the word "ENDS".
- (g) A postcard may be used to acknowledge receipt of a message.
- (h) A book code will be used when chemicals for formula are not available or in circumstances which make it difficult to use them a colon will indicate page, a semi-colon will indicate line on page and a comma will indicate the letter in the line. 10: 7; 2, 5, 10, would indicate page ten, line seven, letters 2, 5 and 10. All chapter titles and sub titles will count as lines. The lines will count from top to bottom and the letters from left to right. The book to be used will be : ROMAN BRITAIN, by I.A. RICHMOND, the Pelican history of England : 1. Provisions for transfer of money. Current a/c Barclays D.C.& O.

FORMULA "A" dry method carbon Z. Book provided.

Use medium soft pencil (HB - HB2), print in block letters, using only down strokes. Steam for from one to two minutes.

Developer : Immediately prior to processing steam for 30 seconds. Mix one third eggspoon Dithy- sone (DIPHENYLTHIOCARBAZONE) ($C_6H_5N.N.CS. NH. NH. C_6H_5$ 256.34) and one quarter eggspoon Carbo- note of soda in two ounces distilled water.

Bring to boil, wipe over secret text with a tam- pon of cotton wool.

FORMULA "B" WET METHOD :

INK : One half eggspoon Hydroquinone dissolved in one tablespoon distilled water : write with sty- lys shaped piece of non resinous wood (or special- ly prepared pen), printing in block letters, using only down strokes. Steam for from one to two minutes.

DEVELOPER : One level teaspoon silver nitrate dissolved in two tablespoons distilled water. Wipe over same with secret text. Message requires time to emerge clearly.

FORMULA "C" WET METHOD :

INK : Two drops blood dissolved in two and a half- tablespoons distilled water. Write etc. as for formula "B". Steam for from one to two minutes.

DEVELOPERS : 1ST DEVELOPER :

One level teaspoon O-Tolidine ($NH_2 C_6 H_3(CH_3) C_6H_3 (CH_3). NH_2 = 212.30$). Dissolved in two tablespoons acetic acid (essence of vinegar). Add two-three drops (or more) ammonium Hydro- gen (strong ammonia solution) to clarify the solution dry with a tampon of cotton wool to side with secret developer. Hydrogen side (....vols). Apply to side secret text when dry 1st developer.

PLASTIC DISSOLVER : METHYL-ETHYL-KETONE.

Plastic : Thermo plastic high pressure 90° to 100° = Ether of cellulose and component.

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I.D. Card. Thickness = 0.5 mm. 0.1 mm. is the thickness of the paper.

GUN POWDER :

BY WEIGHT : 75% Potasium Nitrate (salt petre)
15% Charcoal.
10% Sulphur.
BY VOLUME : 75% Salt Petre.
30% Charcoal.
20% Sulphur.

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immediately and make
arrangement to get some to you. ENDS.
(Stippellyn toon aan gedeeltes wat absoluut
onleesbaar is)

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23rd July, 1970

My dear Ahmed,

It was a very great pleasure to hear from you - I am so happy to know that you had not forgotten me and think of me often.

I too, miss you very much and remember all the happy times we had together. I feel your absence, particularly when the weather is fine and the sun shining - all those long and interesting walks we took together through the many beautiful parks and commons. But then I feel it too, when you are not beside me at the cinema and at concerts at the theatre, or just watching the television.

At present, the Empire Games are on and I know how much you would have enjoyed watching these excellent athletes performing - that is life I guess.

Its so good mooring about the past - I now look forward to.

It was so awkward trying to do up zips or fasten straps - even eating became a major effort.

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But everyone was most sympathetic and helpful which naturally made it a lot easier to bear.

Bob and Norma were so happy to get your congratulations and good wishes. They had the boy christened in the St. Stephen's Church - to which I went and he was as good as gold through the whole boring affair. He is quite the most adorable little chap - going to look exactly like his dad and very good as well.

When he is a little older I have offered to do a bit of baby-sitting so that they can get out occasionally. You know that Bob would positively die if he couldn't go to Bach or Beethoven concerts at least once a month. He is practically prepared to forego everything else but that. So I will ensure that Norma doesn't lose her beloved while he is still so young.

I spent a couple of days in Essex with Joan and Valda at their cottage. The weather was lousy but it was very pleasant and relaxed and as I was excused from most of the chores like washing up or cooking, it was a real break for me. We went for a lot of long walks, listened to music, read and just generally loafed around. They are easy people to live with and it was exactly what I needed to unwind after the accident.

I now feel very fit and ready for my holiday in three weeks time.

We were all very sorry to hear about your bad dose of flu - you and thousands of others! I read somewhere about the dreadful weather you have been having and do hope that it has improved and that the epidemic is over. Are you now quite recovered?

I went to a marvellous concert in St. Paul's Cathedral during the City of London Festival - Sheetz in the Round - early 16th Century music with quaint old instruments, four bands, wind and trumpets and such like and four choirs who kept changing position so that you heard a tremendous variety of sounds coming from different parts of their wonderfully accosticed church with a slight echo from the dome. It was a unique musical experience, something

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quite different from the ordinary and beautifully performed, the voices particularly, sounding as if they were coming straight out of heaven.

I tried to get in for "Oh Calcutta" which has been getting much publicity - more nude and risque than "Hair" etc. But no hope under about 50/- on the lowest black market prices. So I will sit it out till the tourists all return to their homes and the prices drop accordingly. As it is so popular it will probably be on for the next year or so. It is on at a furry little theatre called the Roundhouse - opened after you left. It was originally an old engine room for some station junction or other. It is not at all Swish or modern - rather like a huge circus tent (but not canvas) but it has a very friendly atmosphere. They have all sorts of way out things there - pop concerts, etc. and it attracts the young people who feel they can come dressed as they damned well please and feel at home. This is where you really see the "scene" here. So much for the drop in decadence that you anticipated.

Well my dear, I have been rambling on at great length with not very much exciting to say. But then it hasn't exactly been a very scintillating time for me. I will have to catch up fast on those lost weeks.

Keep writing and I promise to keep you informed of all the news.

With fondest good wishes and regards to all.

Stephanie.

KODESKRIF : KEERKANT VAN BRIEF :

JH/SB/3/23/7/70.

- (1) Received your post card 29-6-70 we hope you are now well.
- (2) Please prepare immediately 1,000 envelopes, wide selection from your 8,000 for a pending distribution. You will be given due note of the date.

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- (3) Did we give you a list of names and addresses for postal distribution? If so please give the page numbers appearing on the list.
- (4) On the first eleven pages of the heals catalogue if you have difficulty with some of the chemicals - particularly dithizone, let us know immediately and we will make some arrangements to get some to you.

(2) PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT :

Congratulations on progress. We note your information and endorse your proposal to go ahead with these facilities. We must rely on your judgement whether they are absolutely safe. We hope you will continue to search for facilities over which we have absolute control.

- (3) List of 8,000. Thanks for information.
- (4) Indian Newspaper! This has been discussed more fully (more) in the light of your further comments. We prefer your first alternative i.e. an illegal paper - with all the trappings of illegality involved in terms of policy, content, production, etc. - a paper reflecting problems affecting all facets of Indian life and openly advocating a policy of resistance. It does not follow, that initially, such a newspaper should in so many words espouse the programme of the Liberation Movement.
 - (a) It should promote "support for our African allies" rather than open association with ANC. The latter can come later. X
 - (b) It should begin to explain thoroughly the reasons for, and the need to understand, the move towards a policy of violence rather than an immediate call to support M.K. X
 - (c) Above all, it should emphasise the need for organisation and resistance (even short of violence) around the immediate issues facing the Indian people. Insofar as it is possible we must put our policy in a "clever" way so that

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the enemy will not find it easy to pin a charge based on the contents.

We must remember that (more) for many years there has been minimal organised activity of any sort amongst the Indian people and it becomes necessary to bring them into the stream again by well-thought out stages. It is especially necessary to emphasise the common plight of all the black people while not neglecting the special factors applying to the Indian group. You can obtain a general clue as to the balance from Y. D.'s message for the first issue, already sent to you. X

We agree that such a newspaper will be immediately exposed to enemy attacks and it is therefore vital that from the outset, its production and distribution must be organised with maximum security and on the basis of complete illegality.

- (5) SOCIAL CLUB : Have you personally been visited by S.B. in connection with it? We earnestly hope that you are not prominently involved.
- (6) STUDENT NEWSLETTER : Your outline appears to go beyond the purpose of mobilising students around their current plight and is really the beginning of a theoretical journal for advanced potential cadres (more) from all walks of life (including students). This is in itself a worthwhile idea and is worth pursuing. It could be the forerunner of a party internal organ.

If this idea appeals, then even though its main circulation may be directed to students, it should also find its way to advanced elements from other groups and its title should not commit it to being merely a student journal.

We will make our final comment on this question when you complete the promised outline of its character in your next letter.

Regards from all who know you and carry on your valuable and good work. ENDS.

1 AUGUSTUS 1970.

Handwritten: 123

Dear Ahmed,

As I was away for a few days, I only received your previous letter after I had written to you. You now know that my hand is O.K. once more. Thank you for being so concerned. I am still not able to use it 100% so I hope you will have no difficulty reading my scrawl - never much good anyway. It was extremely painful for some time - I feared I would never ever, be able to use it again, but far sooner than I anticipated, it started to mend. I felt like the original woman with 2 left thumbs, the time when you will return to this country and we can pick up the threads again.

I am enclosing two copies of the Heal catalogues which you asked for, in case one of the other teachers would like to look at it too. They do have a wonderful selection of children's toys and books - very difficult to choose, I should think. I am sending it airmail, as I took so long to collect it. Don't reprimand me about the cost - you know that I am just naturally extravagant - especially where you are concerned.

Please write very soon - my fondest regards to you and please give regards to all.

Yours,

Stephanie.

KODESKRIF : KEERKANT VAN BRIEF :

Bladsy 1 is absoluut onleesbaar.

Bladsy 2 : "is a report of an augmented meeting of the party. Please process.

(5) We apologise for delay in sending Y.D. message. It appears on last pages of catalogue after diagram.

Acknowledge receipt.

ENDS.

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10 AUGUSTUS 1970.

My dearest Ahmed,

Paul has asked me to let you know that he and Mary have broken up - she has gone to live with Alan. As you can imagine he has taken a terrible knock and is quite shattered by events. It really is too bad - his wife and his best friend.

He is too upset to write to anyone at present and we are all trying to give him support and succour. I know how much he would appreciate a letter from you at this time - even just to know that his friends are all standing by him.

He can't even imagine, when or how it all began. They say the partner is always the last to know. Not that any of us really noticed it happening - what a sorry mess. I think she has made a terrible mistake, but that is life, I guess.

I am rushing off to the theatre and want to post this on my way.

Regards to all,

Stephanie.

KODESKRIF : KEERKANT VAN BRIEF :

5/10/7/70.

Under separate cover you will receive a "present" containing 1,000 leaflets. Please post on or after 13th August even if there has already been publicity about propaganda drive. X

The "present" also contains a letter to cover you if the parcel is opened, etc. X

The present is a box of fortnum and manson's darjeeling tea.

ENDS.

26 AUGUSTUS 1970.

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Dear Ahmed,

As you can see I have invested in a typewriter and am learning to type. I am really teaching myself from a manual although I do go to a class once a week. I think it is merely a matter of practice. At the moment it is very, very slow work but it is new enough to me to still be a novelty and not yet boring. So I hope you don't mind the somewhat more impersonal communication!

Thank you for your last two letters. I was away on a brief holiday and was glad to find two letters awaiting me on my return. The holiday wasn't much to speak about - one gets blasè about going to Europe every year! But in any case this was merely a hop across the Channel so to speak, and a week at the French coast. In fact the weather this summer has been so fine here in England that it was almost unnecessary to waste sunshine time by travelling.

It is sad about Paul and Mary. I guess one almost hopes that an illusion of passionate love (even someone else(s) won't be shattered. But there it is. I see Paul occasionally and he does not seem to be taking it too badly. Of Mary I have not heard anything in weeks. When you get used to seeing two particular people together, it is very difficult then getting used to seeing them with new people. They are both young and these things are part of being young, are they not?!

There is building going on in the road outside my window and that combined with the concentration of not making a typing mistake is almost too much for my fragile personality. It seems as if summer is (oh dear) used to dig up the whole of London. Everywhere I go there are men digging in the roads. And one never quite sees afterwards what they have achieved except another bump in the road.

Anyway, Ahmed, I hope you are keeping well and give my regards to all,

Affectionately,

Stephanie.

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(1) We acknowledge yours of A/J/26/7/70. Thank you for your report on you security position. We hope you continue to guard this without a moment's let up. The addresses you have supplied will be used for general U.N. type material and similar items, but you say some of them are potential recruits. These should obviously not get even borderline items. We therefore await your further clarification.

(2) We further acknowledge your A/J/4/17/8/70.

(a) We are gratified by the inspiring report of the impact of our drive. We hope your part of it went smoothly. We would also welcome any new ideas and innovations which we should work on in this respect e.g. good places for leaflet bombs and broadcasts. etc. X

(b) The first 7 lines at the top of page 2 of your letter is illegible. Ironically we can vaguely make out a reference to part of our previous message being illegible. Please repeat.

We accept your recommendation of Essop. We assume you have investigated all facets of this comrade, if he is the same Essop referred to in your list of addresses to receive literature, then our point (above) is once again emphasized. X

(c) We would appreciate a report on progress in the various publication project.

Keep up the good work and the fine revolutionary ardour which you display. X

ENDS.

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29 OKTOBER 1970.

My dear Ahmed,

I can see now why we English talk so much of the weather. There is something very beautiful about the English seasons. Right now it is autums here - the light is soft and the trees are in flames. There are a row of trees outside my window and with each season they are different. And always their beauty takes me by surprise. Anyway winter should be tolerable now that the long coats are firmly established!

Perhaps you know that there is a municipal workers strike on here - has been for some weeks with no end in sight. So we are treated daily by long discussions on radio and television about the state of the nation's sewerage. Large plastic bags in black, green and pink are issued and the pavements are covered with huge mounds of these bags. It seems, though, that everyone except the Councils agree that these men are paid too little. There are 1,600 Councils in Britain and although something like 100 have already agreed to pay an extra 55/- it doesn't help much while the other 1,500 hold out.

Even such benefits as Britain has seem to be going by the board - the 2/6 prescription charge is going up to 4/-, and later even higher and school milk is being abolished. So much for the Welfare State!

Actually I started this off intending to write you a long, long letter but suddenly I remembered that I ^{am} supposed to be at the dentist in 15 minutes, and I know if I don't post this now the long, long letter will not get written - so do be satisfied for the moment with just a "hello" and I'll try to compensate for my negligence next time.

Regards to all,

Affectionately,

Stephanie.

KODESKRIF : KEERKANT VAN BRIEF :

New series C/A/1/28/10/70.

(1) No acknowledgement yet of our 7/27/8/70.

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(2) A "present" will reach you by surpa mail towards the end of November. It contains a leaflet which is to be posted to the address list contained in the "present". It is addressed to youth and you should use your discretion as to the number to be put in each envelope. You should proceed to carry out the task as soon as possible, but if it is during the school or university vacation those to be addressed to educational institution should be delayed until commencement of the new term.

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Best regards.

ENDS.

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2 DECEMBER 1970

My dear Ahmed,

Thanks very much for your letter. Or I should say letters because one has just arrived and I haven't even read it properly yet.

Your typing it very good, not full of mistakes like mine. I get too impatient and then I don't go slow enough. But I find now that I prefer to type than to write. And that is the mark of a real typist. Do you use all your fingers? I do - but mind you I have a friend who types with four fingers only and at about three times my speed and with a quarter of the errors. But it does mean that you needn't watch the keyboard all the time.

So Christmas is nearly upon us. This year has just flown by. But then one says that at the end of every year, not so? It is crazy thinking of you sweltering over Xmas while we sit here and hope for a lot of snow. I think I'll buy a Christmas tree this year and put all those lovely coloured balls all over it. An aunt of mine is coming to spend a few days with us and she has three young kids. It is nice to make a bit of a fuss just for the children's sakes.

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I must stop to listen to the midday news. Although my radio battery is running down and I can't even hear properly but nevertheless go through the ritual of listening to all the kidnappings (a German diplomat in Spain now), pending strikes (a one day general strike next week) and other disasters. Ah well, so that's that - nothing unpredictable in today's news.

As I was saying, I think Christmas is nice to celebrate when there are children around. I can still remember the lovely Christmas tree we used to have when I was small. I'm not so keen on the presents bit, though. It becomes too much of an obligation and the gesture is lost amongst the commercial value of the acquisitions gained from various sources.

We don't have a public holiday at New Year. You have both the 1st and 2nd off, don't you? I suppose seeing as how the weather is generally lousy here round then, there is not much point in having a holiday. But instead we should have a public holiday for Mid-Summer's Day or something like that, I think.

I haven't heard from Thabo and Jen for ages. Last I saw them was about two and a half months ago and they asked if I ever hear from you. Since then not a word. And you know they moved and are no longer on the phone so they are very cut off really. They live a long way away in South London now so I guess it is difficult for them to make the journey North.

Paul and Susie have just had a baby. The most adorable little boy. He has marvellous midnight blue eyes but apparently babies' eyes change colour in the first three or four months. Anyway, they are thrilled and I think Susie is just grateful she is no longer pregnant! Till next time! It's the first time I have really been in contact with such a small baby - and they really are small at that age. Susie says she gets a bit bored with him - he does nothing but sleep and suck! Paul pretend not to be very interested in all the talk about baby food and nappie etc. But I caught him telling Jason that he,

Paul, has started the baby on solids now (unusually early at one month). But I mustn't bore you with all this baby talk, hey?

Did I tell you I have taken a week's holiday. Donald came down from Scotland for a week and insisted I take the week off to go rushing round London with him - and of course I gave in. Somehow one always gives in to Donald. He is such an enthusiast that it is irresistible (my spelling is atrocious today). I'll probably regret it later when I want to have a summer holiday and I find I have only two weeks.

So keep well, give my regards to all.

Affectionately,

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C2/2/12/70.

- (1) Thank you for your long one 1/10/11/70. It is always good to hear from you. We warm to your frank self-criticism and we hope your personal problems are being solved.
- (2) We approve your recommendations of indres as we presume you have satisfied yourself absolutely as to suitability and security. x
- (3) We would like a full report on the various persons you recommended earlier in the year. How many are now in the main groep? How is it working? What outside contact have you established (mass work)? etc. in other words we would like a complete summary of your present position, problems and persistence for work (other than those you mentioned in your last letter) x
- (4) We approve your suggestion to invest in an electric duplicating machine.
- (5) We will send you instructions on timing methods at a later stage.
- (6) We of course approve any safe methods you can establish of working amongst Africans. In the case of Cornelius we have to leave it to you

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to judge whether it is advisable from a security point of view. If there is any doubt do not go ahead. The same applies to Stephen.

- (7) Tanks for heartening news "Searchlight". A new issue should come out soon.
- (8) After the "present" we referred to in our last letter you should be getting another one. The list of addresses will be contained in the "present". No time has been fixed so you should post contents as soon as practicable after receipt.
- (9) Please use new address to us as follows :
MRS. S. SEGALL,
16 FROGNAL,
LONDON N.W.3.

Best regards from all the comrades. *
ENDS.

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28 DESEMBER 1970.

Dear Ahmed,

So 1970 is nearly at an end. I wonder if, on looking back, you consider that it was a good year for you? I must say it was pretty uneventful for me. I can't think of anything that made it any different from 1969.

It snowed here on Christmas day and I went to watch the children tobogganing (I'm sure isn't how you spell it!) on Hampstead Heath. The wind was very icy but the Heath looks so wonderful in the snow that it is worth braving the cold. Today was an unofficial holiday which meant I couldn't find any bread anywhere and generally my food stocks were low after the long weekend. I'll be glad to get back to work and some sort of routine. One gets a bit tired of one's own decadence - getting up at 11.30 a.m.!

I hope you are well and enjoying life. And I wish you everything of the best for 1971.

Regards to all, Yours,

Stephanie.

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KODESKRIF : KEERKANT VAN BRIEF :

C/3/29/12/70.

Received your uncoded letter of 26.11.1970.

- (a) In this letter as well as a previous one you signed your real name. Please avoid and sign Stephen. ✓
- (b) Please also do not mention the names of Thabo and Jenny in the open text. X
- (c) Greetings for 1971 which is a crucial year for us. We are confident that you will continue to make your invaluable contribution to our revolution. X

Amandla!

ENDS.

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7 MARCH 1971.

Dear Ahmed,

I had to come here for a few days some research I am doing, so, although this is not a proper "full-length" letter, it is just a little interim "hello and how are you". And I hope you will answer the latter question as soon as you can.

It is really a disability not having a postal service. It is not so bad within the country itself because at least most of the phones are automatic and therefore still in use but it is amazing how isolated one feels for having no contact with the world at large. So I have been very glad to get away for these few days. And I like to feel you are missing my letters as much as I miss yours and that this will be as welcome as it is unexpected.

This is such a beautiful city. I hope you one day have the opportunity of seeing it. Mind you most of the capitals of Europe have a certain grace and beauty particularly as most of them are built on rivers. Somehow the river in London doesn't form such an integral part of the city as does the Seine in Paris or the Danube in Vienna. Possibly because London is so much larger that even a large river like the Thames is dwarfed by the city.

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It will be nice hearing from you again so write as soon as you hear the strike is over.

Meanwhile, regards to all and keep well.

Stephanie.

KODESKRIF : KEERKANT VAN BRIEF :

SPECIAL 3/3/71.

- (1) The outstanding militancy of the postal workers has cut us off from you for too long, hence the resort to this method. Please write immediately you hear the mail is going through.
- (2) It is our intention to circulate a cyclostyled party newspaper to coincide with our 50th anniversary on July 30th 1971. If we prepare the stencils will you be in a position by then to cyclostyle and post to selected addresses?
- (3) We urgently need information on all types of the smallest tape recorders and/or players available commercially in your city, please report soon.
- (4) Also urgently needed are documents of the following type : (a) reference books (b) tax receipts and exemptions (c) any other travel documents especially for Africans (what does an African get if he wishes to travel for a short while to and from one of the ex-protectorates?) (d) any other internal documents which blacks need for travel and survival.
If, by hook and by crook, you should lay your hands on any of these (and we know this is a tall order) please insert them in a "present" of the sort we send you.
- (5) Please also as early as possible give up to date report of progress in the creating of contacts, unit or units.
- (6) For your information the reports of the resignations of O.R. Tambo and J.B. Marks are a complete fabrication.

ENDS.

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5 MAY 1971.

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My dear Ahmed,

Thanks for your last letter. It is good to know you are well, despite the departure of summer.

I must say it is lovely here now that the weather is so much warmer. I go for long walks in the evenings and watch all the beautiful people in their spring clothes. The evenings are so long that it is quite disruptive. And then the light comes pouring in at my window as early as 5 o'clock in the mornings. So I don't get much sleep these days.

I had a lovely trip to Paris. What a beautiful city it is. I don't know why I continue to live in London which is so grey in comparison with Paris. The Seine too is so much more manageable a river than the Thames. One cannot be in Paris and fail to notice the river and its beauty.

My plans for working in Paris are still in the very early stages but I did have some useful discussions with a couple of the academics there and one in particular who holds quite a senior position seemed very interested in what I had to offer. However it will still be some time before I know whether the wheels have even begun to move. Meanwhile I have a job here at the British Museum just to keep body and soul together. I love going there actually. It is very tranquil.

Write again soon - I do enjoy your letters even though my own leave much to be desired..

Regards to all.

Steph.

KODESKRIF : KEERKANT VAN BRIEF :

5/5/71 :

Urgently require information as to why you consider your brother should not return to S.A. Mota considers it desirable he should do so in the near future. Reply immediately.

ENDS.

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