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6th April, 1967.

Mr Benjamin Pogrand.

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Van der Merwe Street,

Hillbrow,

Johannesburg.

My dear Benje,

It amuses me the regularity with which you disregard my instructions completely and buy clothes of your own choice which invariably appeal more to me than any own choice has done. I say it amuses me because if you were that type of person, you could claim, as many do, that you know better than I what is good for me.

After this introduction I need not tell you that I have received all the articles I asked for and am delighted with every one of them. For the record, these are the

articles I have received:

- 2 pairs of coloured sheets
- 3 (three) pairs of pyjamas
- 4 (four) shirts - including the khaki one
- 1 pair of khaki trousers
- 1 pair Husk Puppies and their special cleaner.

Thanks a lot.

I have also, subsequent to my letter, received the three records:

Samuel Barber; Symphony No 1 etc and
Douglas Moore: The devil and Daniel Webster.

Carl Sandburg's record has been withheld and, I suppose, returned to your Copatulations on the outcome of your case.

Mrs Marquard has suggested that we proceed to a first name basis. I am very happy about that because though we have never met I've grown very fond of her.

The fruit is reaching me regularly too, and I notice that Mrs Henderson's name appears on the invoice I have asked Mrs Marquard to thank her for me.

I wrote, early in March, to ask Mrs Margerō to inform you that my mother and my sister-in-law would be visiting me and I should like you to meet them. A subsequent letter explained that it was all a mistake and that the visit was still scheduled for April. As they say in Xhosa, "Indiyakubona ngoko" (I'll see them!).

Milieu's letter reached me early this week. She seems to feel that her contacts in Cape Town helped her tremendously to improve her English.

Incidentally, I did not receive the October issue of Economics. I wondered if you had forwarded it. Also the "past examination papers" have not reached me yet. Can you throw any light on the matter?

I hope your work is getting along fine. Best of luck.

Finally, allow me to congratulate you on the tremendous leap you have made up the ladder of culture. I have had time to read a number

of the books you sent me and, Benjie,
they are undoubtedly "class". I
couldn't miss it. I picked up one book
after another and I read "class". I said
to myself: "Benjie is being surrounded by
a tremendous cultural influence". I
am not being derogatory, old fellow.
After all, you live in psychology, not
the humanities. Thank that child, for
me, please. She is doing exactly what
Jackie Kennedy did for her
President husband!

Well, Benjie, so much for
now. Love to Margie and Jenny.
Yours affectionately,
Bob.

P.S. I came across a reference to
"Angania" in one of the books I've been
reading. Apparently it featured in a great
novel by either Aldous Huxley or some other
big shot. I just can't recall who. I'll
find out.

I am using the engraved pen. I
really am going places!
Bob.

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