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Mr. Alan Paton,  
23 Lynton Road,  
Kloof,  
Natal.

Dear Mr. Paton,

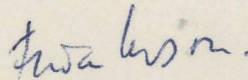
Thank you for your letter dated 22 April.

Yes, I saw your request for compensation for the £28 in the press. I gather the reply is in the negative. Someone has calculated that on a very conservative estimate, based on earnings at the time of arrest, which figures we had, the 28 in 52 weeks lost £50,000. This includes no capital loss, nor does it take into consideration the normal increase over the months of the earnings of professional men.

Our financial year ended 31 March and I hope the auditor will manage to get out a statement before very long. We have paid defence costs fully to end of February. Our major debt is the final legal costs for March R7,402. \* Our balance is about R3000, plus whatever little the branches still hold. The Accused's Liaison Committee have suggested that we set aside about R6000 for rehabilitation. We have sent out a questionnaire to get up-to-date information about their present circumstances, and when this is in we shall be in a better position to make a final decision. In the meantime, the Management Committee has agreed to continue the £11 p.m. for up to six months and then reconsider. Some have asked for lump sums, and these have been given up to £50. I hope this is clear and the sort of information you require.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Secretary.

\* All administrative costs re paid up to date -

23 Lynton Road,  
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7th June, 1961.

Dear Mrs. Levson,

I am afraid I was not able to put much life into the Treason Trials Committee in Durban, but was fortunately able to raise several hundred pounds by letter. I hope that you will have got some of this money by now, but I shall be glad to hear your latest news.

Yours sincerely,



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