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Mr Benjamin Pogrand,  
P.O. Box 1137,  
Johannesburg.

My dear Benjie,  
Veronica was still around when your letter of the 14th August arrived, providing us with a further opportunity to discuss you. She'll probably report to you on that and on the fact that she brought me none of the Kosher items you had advised her to get.

Thank you for the stamps and air-letter cards as well as the £20.00 (Twenty pounds).

I am glad you approve of the Markham's arrangements though I learn that the Cape Town branch, too, caters only for men and their sons.

About the cheque-book and the

Savings account it is a system with which banks are familiar. What it amounts to really is that I draw on my current account on a purely monthly basis. When a deposit is made into my current account, at the end of the month, whatever balance I had from the month then coming to an end is transferred to my savings account. If at any time I want to make a purchase that will involve an amount above my monthly current balance I shall either make a deposit and finish off payment in the month following or will make the requisite withdrawal from my savings account.

At the moment my Savings Book is with Veronica. It could remain with her and she can take it to the bank monthly for the entries to be made. While you are around it could be kept by you so that you would know exactly what the position was at any moment. I don't think

it would be necessary either to transfer the account to Cape Town or for me to write specially to the manager of the Braamfontein branch. If I have made myself clear do you think you could see the manager at Braamfontein and make the arrangements with him? I'll await your answer. If you still want me to write to him, I'll be happy to oblige.

About my studies. I wrote asking for the M.A. syllabus under the impression that like us here they would regard B.A. Hons. as the first but integral part of the M.A. These Londoners sent me the M.A. syllabus with the information that as I had no degree of the London University I could not be admitted to M.A. and they were sorry but "there can be no exception made." So I have to write once more to ask them to send me the B.A. Hons. syllabus. And once more I am going to harness you, Benjie. Will you then please



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and ask for Oversea Regulations and  
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second class air mail. Ordinary surface  
mail will do. The BSc Econ. results  
will be available towards the end of the  
month. I'll let you know by telegram  
as soon as they arrive.

Thanks for writing to Miss(?) Tracey  
I haven't heard from her yet. I haven't  
heard from Prof Wellington for some time  
now. I hope he is well. Nellie Margaret  
writes steadily: quite impatient her  
letters often are!

The Record Player is fine. And I have  
enough records for the present, thanks.

I am delighted to know that  
Mayakovsky's lines moved you. I knew  
they would. Also, I have read The  
Last of the Just. It was among the first

batches of books you sent me in 1963. If you've read it you will understand why Dayan antagonizes me. One has to be careful, at all times, not to allow the press and other publicity media to create an image of one to which one finds oneself compelled to conform. It happens so often and so easily. Herod addresses a public meeting and the people shout: It is a God that speaks. He doesn't correct them. And God strikes him down. As soon as you appropriate to yourself the glory that belongs to God, He strikes you down. Once you say my arm, my wealth, my wisdom have brought me this, you already belong to the scrap heap of history. Blessed are the meek (!)

I shall soon be sending you the rough copies of my Xhosa stories and poems and my incomplete English novel. I am writing under a pseudonym and should like an unbiased literary opinion on them. Will write later, Benjie. Thanks for everything.

Affectionately, Bob.  
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Mrs Stott sent me

a hot plate and  
pots. Can't find  
her address. But  
will write her  
as soon as I  
have.

Bob

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