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14th April, 1963

Dear Benjie,
I received your letter on the 9th April and concluded that your application had failed as the week end had already passed when you should have flown to Cape Town. I am sorry, really I should have liked to see you once more.

I hope you will have got over your depression by now I appreciate your feelings very well indeed. I am extremely emotionally involved in the matter. You both are very dear to me and I hope I shall never be placed in a position where I have to take sides: though, mind you, if I were to get ~~the~~ incontrovertible proof that you were to blame I would not hesitate, in fact I would be happy, to denounce you 'bell book and candle'.

Thanks for news about Jill and some and assurances about my wife.

In reply to your questions. I have
been receiving fruit regularly and paying
for it out of my personal account
Kenzie I am afraid I don't know
how my credit stands at the moment. It
is not easy to obtain this information but
I do believe that my reserves are still
some good way off from depletion.

With regard to the exams - I
am writing them in June this year,
Kenzie. That'll be Part I of the exam.
They allowed me to do it in two
years instead of three. The exams
start on June 8th. I haven't received
the dis-table yet, so I do not know
on what days I write and what subjects
I write on those days.

Now, please Kenzie, this
information is for you as a friend.
"Tell it not in Gath, publish it not
in the streets of Ashkelon"! Not that
the results will embarrass me, whatever
they are. Should they be unfavourable
I can always pretend - and I think
convincingly - that I deliberately worked

towards that end as a patriotic South African who, respecting the traditional way of life of the country, did not want the black & B degree that it held to be placed in an immoral juxtaposition with an un South African white degree! On the other hand, if the results are favourable, I can pretend that I tilted towards that end in order to defy the "fascist beasts". Incidentally, the latter is a Communist phrase. So you now see what I meant about their poetic genius? If you know a fellow a "fascist" you merely attribute to him certain political attitudes and beliefs; one of which is that man "purifies" - it didn't seem to hurt Hitler's fascists, did it now? - If you call him a "beast" you ascribe to him a brutish intelligence, manners & conduct but call him a "fascist beast" then you conjure up a picture of the beast of the book of Revelations seen by St John in a vision on the island of Patmos, dinosauran in proportions, moving in a murky fetid primordial jungle. You entow the fellow with a distinctive

SWEET!!

I have all the books I need Benji. I have never failed an examination and I don't intend to start now. I had intended to major in Economic History but I have got so tired with the damn subject that I can't picture myself spending another two years over it. I may change my mind, of course, but at the moment I loathe all steel and railway cartels and rationalizations etc. Economics is interesting but my mind rebels against any subject that tells me that a thing is so because that is how it has been defined! I love Social Philosophy and British Government and enjoy International Law. That is my mental position briefly!

I'll discuss the books you sent me at some later date. I can assure you though that I have enjoyed them immensely, particularly British Government.

With best wishes,
 Benji,
 I remain,
 Yours sincerely
Bob

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