

have had more than I have had directly.

Things continue to be pretty hectic here on the Pacific Coast as far as I am concerned. The work goes very well and we are making quite a bit of money for the South Africa Emergency Fund, which as you know, the American Committee on Africa launched last June for special assistance to the relatives of those in jail and the victims of Sharpeville, but it has grown so much that I am really swamped with work and am in danger of both not being able to keep up with the demands on me, or undermining my health by not sleeping or eating enough because I am too busy. Have you ever given serious thought to the idea which I put forward in one of my earlier letters to you of sending me "a refugee from South Africa" to assist in the work on the West Coast? This is just something to think about but I wish you would do so. The trouble is as I wrote you, the requirements would be high: it would have to be someone who speaks well and writes well, who can type of course, and can drive a car; and also ~~something~~^{one} young enough not to be offended to be under the guidance of a woman, at least at first. What I need is a bright young assistant and the work would be 100% more effective if I had one. I realize, however, that finances would be a great difficulty: I could not afford to employ him, at least full time -- and we would have to find him some part time work. I say "him" when I actually realize what would be ideal would be an unattached young woman who has the qualifications. There are very few African women here and I am often asked why we don't have some. They would be a great success.

We will certainly talk more about this when we get together in the fall, but I just felt I wanted to mention it as the pressure of work really is beginning to tell on me. I have asked the ACOA to send someone to help out here, even if only at part salary, but they do not feel they have any money for this purpose, even though we would more than double our receipts, I am sure, for the fund. To be fair to them it is not nearly as difficult to raise money for South Africa as it is for organizational expense to keep the ACOA going, and so they do not feel justified in spending any more money to raise money for the Defense and Aid Fund. We will talk about all these things in the fall. I do hope you are in communication with them to make definite arrangements for a tour right after our elections in November. This is what George Houser has mentioned to me as the best possible time, and I feel it is too. If the tour goes too far into December people are saving money for Christmas and it would be hard to realize very much for South Africa. I am sure George knows this however, and will plan accordingly; the main thing is for you to plan your schedule definitely now with him so there will be no slip-up or misunderstanding. I know that you will ask for your visa a long way ahead of time this time.

Warm regards and do let me know what to do with the money, and where you are so I can write to you.

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P.S. I am enclosing the latest copy of my little FREEDOM CALL which contains a report on the last page of my activities from January to August 1, 1960.

San Francisco 18, California
August 26, 1960

Dear Oliver:

I am writing you in post-haste because I have just received the very welcome news that the bank has given us credit for the thousand pounds sent by me to Duma last March and was never received by him. We had stopped payment sometime ago but since it takes a long time sometimes to get news back and forth we were holding our breath until we learned that the draft had not been cashed by the wrong people. Now even if it should come into unfriendly hands it would not be cashed and we have the money back in the United States.

This draft as I have told you was made out to the National Publication Corporation which was the name which Duma had given me to use, and the bank requests that they should be notified if the draft should eventually come into their hands; it cannot be collected and it should be returned at once to me. I wonder what I should do about this. Perhaps you have some way of writing to Duma to give him this information because if he should be released from jail one of these days it might well be that someone has been holding the draft for him and it might come into his hands. He should be told that it is no longer any good and that he should return it at once to me.

We have also stopped payment on another draft for 90 pounds which was sent to Duma in March, and which I have had cancelled because I assume that it also was not received. We have not as yet received the money back on this draft but payment will not be made on it either, and we will eventually get the money back for re-use. I will let you know about this later.

Now we are in the happy position of having a thousand pounds Sterling for immediate use for the A.N.C. I am notifying you of this as the Acting Head of our family and will wait your instructions as to what you would like done with part or all of this fund. If you think it wise we can keep it and send so much a month to various places wherever you designate, or I will be happy to send the total amount to you wherever you designate and you can then administer it as you like. You may wish to get in touch with Chief or Duma about this matter before deciding -- that is if you feel you can take the chance of writing them as I have been. I have written to Chief and Zamie through the treason trial fund, and I know that at least my letters to Zamie have been delivered because in his answers to me (smuggled out, of course) he has mentioned receiving my letters. I have not received word that Chief has had the letter which I sent him; you know how Chief hates to write letters and probably he is more carefully watched anyhow, so I don't know if it is safe to write Chief or not. In any case I would feel that using this method to write about money for the family would be too risky. I only mention it to you because I have succeeded in at least getting some letters through to Zamie and Duma is in the same cell with him, as you no doubt know.

I have also been in contact with Phil Mathole several times and he has smuggled two letters out of jail to me; I am trying to do something to assist his two teen-age daughters and to keep them in school. I suppose that you have also had many letters from those of our family who are still behind bars; if you have not and would care to have copies of my letters just say so, but I am sure that you