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Comrade Wolf Kodesh,
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Dear Wolfie,

I am in receipt of your letter of 30/4/82. In my defence, let me say that one day Dennis phoned me saying there was an urgent telex from you asking that I immediately send a list of requirements from Italy and the USSR or we would miss the boat. It had to go off that day.

Naturally, there was no time to even think about quantities although I was aware that it would have been more helpful to you if I had worked them out, rather than you. I knew nothing whatever about the office at Dar offering to do their own list. I certainly had not been informed or consulted.

The Dar office works in strange and devious ways. For example, there was a message (telex) at the beginning of May advising that my ticket had been bought. I only knew of this three weeks later, and of course am now having hell's own problem trying to get a booking! Frankly, I do not know how we improve contact between them and us.

Finally, the goods for SOMAFCO from London have arrived at the school. It appears to be mainly second hand books and some soap and toothpaste gathered by Yengwa through his church. They are presently listing the stuff.

Also received the parcel from the Finnish Students Union - A tape recorder, microphone, speakers and tapes. 4 cartons from the Swiss Anti-Apartheid Movement - mainly second hand clothes and a small quantity of exercise books, files, rubbers, sharpeners, etc. Ditto, second hand tools from Tools for Self Reliance, England. Have acknowledged and thanked them ~~xxxx~~ all.

Glad to know that you finally reached Zimbabwe - yes it is very reminiscent of home. We over here are starting to feel sad about losing Henry and Reddy - but that is how the struggle goes!

Warm regards from all the Hodgsons,