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Dear Oliver,

I have just returned from a trip to Denmark and Norway. I had hoped to meet you in London and therefore left Noeway earlier than I had intended, but unfortunately you were not in London.

During my stay in Oslo I managed to see the Foreign Minister of Norway, Mr. Halvard Lange and put several proposals to him. I told him of the new situation in S.A. "because of the Sabotage Act, etc. and the need for sanctions, for support of the UN resolution on sanctions and also for sports and cultural boycotts. I received the following responses

That the Norwegian Govt, recognised the new situation and therefore would seriously consider possible Government sanctions against South Africa;

that they would also give very sympathetic consideration to mmm the request for suppo^rt tfor the UN sanctions resolution;

(3^ that in the sports and cultutal fields they would support us provided we told them of any persons from their country who were tourin  
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S.A. or if we knew of any South Africans who were visiting Nowway.

The above is the 'official line1. I got the general impression that the Noriegian Government would certainly support the UN resbiliktio  
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if sufficient pressure was put by their public. Because of this I managed to do the following after Chief Lutuli's appeal was published in the Guardian\*

5 I approached the officials of the Norwegian Socialist Party (the governing party) and its youth organisation and asked them to pass a resolution supporting Chiefs call for boycott. They agreed to this and have promised to send copies of it to me. The youth movement have also agreed to run a nation-wide campaign on this.

On my way back to London I stopped for a few hours in Denmark

and saw Niels Mathiesen of the Socialist Party, (he has asked me to convey

his good wishes to you). I had seen him some three weeks earlier when I was in Copenhagen but nothing much materialised then. This time I told him of what had happened in Norway and he too agreed to post on a copy of the resolution of the Party, similar to that of the Norwegian Party.

The Danish Socialist Youth also agreed to conduct similar activity to that of their counterpart in Norway.

I had an offer to go to Sweden but I thought I should report what had happened so far before I went on to Sweden. That is why I came to London.

Arising from the above I would like to suggest that you write a letter to the Foreign Minister of Norway, thanking him for his assurances mentioning that economic sanctions are vital, and promising to let him know which Afro-Asian and other countries are willing to support the UN resolution. This last point is what he asked for - I realise that it is impossible for you to know of all the countries that are willing to support the UN res. but if you promised to let him have a list later it would help.

They also asked for material and I am posting most of it today.

If you feel there is anything else I can do, please let me know. I am on vacation until the middle of September and am willing to travel to Scandinavia again if you feel it necessary.

In addition to all this the Foreign Minister of Morway also told me that he would "be prepared to use his influence when the Scandianavian Foreign Ministers meet in September for economic sanctions etc. provided of course that their Cabinet has agreed to it. He asked me not to mention his assurances to anyone except our leaders and I have therefore not talked about it. IM

If you could kindly send me the letter to Mr Halvard Lange I shall send it on to him together with my own letter of thanks for the way in which he received me.

I made all these approaches on a personal basis and was somewhat surprised at the favourable response. I now feel that this favourable reaction should be consolidated and therefore am sending them material and keeping contact with other organisations in their country.

There has also been support in other fields but this is not urgent so I will tell you about it when I see you.

If you feel that messages some other form of activity by . .

the Scandinavian Governments<sup>1</sup> (at this stage Denmark and Norway) a mach  
â– j^a could be useful for Nelson and Walter please suggest it and I shall

immediately write to Denmark and Norway and am certain to get substantial response as well as press publicity in those countries.

I do hope that you are all keeping well and that the above will be useful. Please write to my address and not to the Anti-Apartheid as it will reach me earlier this way.

With sincere good wishes,

Yours,