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598 Herkimer St
Brooklyn 13, N.Y.
May 22, 1962

Mr. Oliver Tambo
9a Chomeley Park
London N.6, England

Dear Mr. Tambo:

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They are:

- South African Seafarer
- South African Shipper
- South African Statesman
- South African Vanguard
- South African Victory

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If you could contact any of the Labor people in South Africa and have them to talk to these Seamen. And have them to contact our New York office. Card enclosed.

Please advise us if we should or ~~or~~ should not try to organize these people. Any reply please send it directly to Mr. Ted Chimiklis.

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