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Jell, I have finellv got around to writiyyg. I hope that you will wfile back ani you can use the address I haVe giVen above. In turn I would appreciate that address you mentioned in our last talk. Then for perso matters I will write there for forewarding to.you. As you said, real friendship goes beyond political and/or historical differences. As I haVe tried to say to others, dialogue is essential if we are to build a future society here which satisfygs the aspirations of all. Also 5 million whites here are not irrelevant - they are certainly more releva than the RF ever were, even if one looks at itkin pure power terms. On a personal level I am sure you understand my position - I am a white african determined that my children and their children in turn will be able to remain in peace and prosperity in their land. I am equally determined that this be possible for my black and brown fellows sharing the same subcontinent and that this be done through a structure and system which is fair and just to all. So my job is to know what the other side think and want and especially to know the intentions of those who seek only violence. It is up to black and white in this eountr to sort out our own future without interference, especially from those who merely seek to impose a new form of imperialism and dependance. We, the peoples of the RSA will sort out our future and history has determined my role as a white south african and you know what a real black nationalist thinks of a white who leaves his people and tries to join another. Look at Zimbabwe - the people doing my job are still there serving Mugabe, having been obviously joined by some of his people. How' I.

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many white lefty draft-dodgers from Zimbabwe Democrats have been appointed to the army?

Anyway Piersie - (your hon.SA nickname) lets rather agree to meet and have a long talk about it all sometime. I really think that you should visit southern Africa as soon as possible - when you do please drop me a line and we will arrange to meet, even in a neighbouring state if you wish. What about Malawi - I would 1095 a week or so on the lake (all'expenses paid of course). However please feel free to come to the RSA and let Mark and I take you around and see the real country - good and bad. We could holiday in Transkei if you wish - now that is a beautiful place - fish, sun, beaches etc. Let me know - I am sure you are cleVer enough to be able to take a week off down here without all I xl

knowlng you are Visiting the enemy.

Just one spot of business - could you let me have an estimate(and a breakdown) of what I owe IUEF so that we can clear that all up. If you send an invoice we will settle. Anyway thanks for fixing up all those things that needed ito dhy did you take Johns flat and not mine? Perhaps it was just as well because I do not think you will see Ruth for some time, if ever. Anyhow I am appending a list of what IUEF owes me so that you can deduct this from what I owe youb

I get some news from friends and colleagues about IUEF from time to time but I really would like some from you. For example what on earth got into LGE to make allegations about "threats" etc. I feel most embarassed that he got me to go through the whole Charade with you in that hotel room and then spilt all later. Why did he not come out with it all then? I am most impressed with the way you are handeling things - especially as per our last telephone call. When we meet I'll give you more details

on LGE and what he knew and when etc. Perhaps you know now why he was behaving so strangely at the Assembly and why I was trying to move out. I still think that that was how it should have been played.

Anyway, I look forward to seeing a copy of the proposal for the re-structuring and I wish you all a happy and fruitful seminar. I agree that you should scrap the political support and political information side of things and concentrate on the refugee education element. That accords with what we said so long ago. What about the name while you are about it - remember Hughs suggestion and new logo? I left it in my office and you should be able to find it.

Also please send me a copy of the "Commission of Enquiry". I know that this must report by end May and if there are any questions you would like me to answer let me know. I also have things like the Moate report, copies of the Kielan receipts etc if you need them. It would be a pity if you were blamed for any mismanagement and I believe that I have enough to show that you actually followed orders under duress if you need it. Just finally - as this letter is getting longer than I intended - please send that NUSAS "We are dedicated to true peace" poster which was on my wall to Sean Moroney in Oxford with my compliments. Also please assure him that he, Helen and Kerry are welcome in the RSA any time they wish. The same message to Julian please. In fact tell Julian I suggest he returns before he starts getting involved in things which will prevent his return.

OK Piers - greetings to all, especially Gerard, and tell Angie that I thought of you all having lunch/tea for her last day at IUEF (today ). Hope to hear from you soon - put me on the mailing list.