

10th. May 1982.

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Comrade Wolf Kodesh,
Head,
Logistics,
ANC(SA),
Lusaka.

Dear Wolfie,

Enclosed is copy of Bill of Lading which I believe is the one you referred to in your letter of (undated) regarding the missing goods from Bread & Fishes. Also my letter of acknowledgement.

We had our Logistics meeting on Saturday - unfortunately Sipho was not present as ^{he} had to attend another meeting in Dar - but he sent the Bills of Lading and a note saying "thanks for reminding me I did not know it was not acknowledged."

He also returned the cable from the Finnish Students Group informing me that he had cleared this on 6/4/82 from the airport. The parcel has now arrived at SOMAFCO and contains one cassette player and some photographic material. I am waiting for Carneson to give me their address and other details on the parcel so that I can write them.

Connie advised us that the second lot of foodstuffs from the USSR was awaiting clearance at the docks because Mtoni is still full of clothes from Bread and Fishes. Arrangements are being made to transport them.

Sipho not being at the meeting, left a number of other matters relating to him unresolved. I will write to him about them and also impress on him the importance of his being present at our meetings, as he really is the key person.

I am happy to tell you that Thuso has agreed to stay on for another year. All the goods are now being moved from Bikwa into the old nursery school in town, which has been properly secured. The fencing for Bikwa has been bought, but unfortunately, with no oxyacetaline available in Tanzania we are unable to take up the old rail lines for posts. A discussion at our Treasury meeting recommended that some attempt be made now to start the rebuilding of Bikwa while the contractor is free. Doodles says this is dependant on available funds.

Natie Marcus is here - like a tornado! He and Molly are coming permanently on 25th. June. He has asked that I request from you the following: 500 kilograms tomato puree in 5 or 10 kilo containers from Bulgaria; 250 kilograms of pickled gherkins from Hungary also in large containers; Japanese Soya sauce.

I dont have to tell you that Natie means to do things his way or not at all. He neither seems to take regard of the difficulties and shortages that prevail in Third World countries, nor of the implications of requesting "luxury" goods from our donors.

There is no doubt in my mind that he will revolutionise the catering here but heavens knows what else may suffer as a result. Anyway, for what it is worth, I have passed on to you his request.

We have received from the local TCRS, 20 cartons of powdered milk, 30 cartons of soap, blankets (I asked for 600 but these have not yet come from Dar so dont know what was given) and 50 galvanised buckets.

That is all for now,

Regards and best wishes,

Rica Hodgson.