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LONDON. S.W.11.  
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My Dear Papa,

Pulane and the kids arrived safely to-day. I went to meet them at the airport and had a car ready for what I thought would be the inevitable luggage. Surprisingly they were travelling very light as they have just decided to abandon a lot of their stuff. Zola has now made application for entry to Britain. He already has a visa for Sweden and may go there for a bit if there are difficulties. I am glad some initiative is being shown.

Papa asked for some names of people who could assist in the matter of the political prisoners. Well I just think all of us are possible candidates:

- Joe Slovo . 13 Lyme Street, Camden Town, London.
- Albie Sachs . c/o 89 Charlotte Street, London. W.1.
- Joel Joffe ditto.
- Self .
- Neville Rubin . c/o Africa Centre 38 King Street, London. W.C.2.

As for the job with the Secretariat the only person I would care to mention is Taabo Mbeki who has an M.A. (economics) from Sussex University and is a good chap. Others are not worth the chance. There are people like Thamie Mhhlambiso who are studying at L.S.E. Sobizana Mqikana. But they are not ready yet.

Has Papa heard of the trouble Dr. Jordan's son is in. He was kicked out of the United States for "political reasons". It all sounds terribly mysterious. I would not have thought this young chap so important as to engage the attention of the U.S. authorities no matter what he did. I hope he is not deceiving us. Apparently Jordan himself is not happy and is planning to leave. Porf. Tucker told me he was asking whether there was no job for him at London.

I hear Botswana has issued some pretty tough regulations regarding refugees. I'm afraid relations between the ANC and the states bordering on South Africa are going to deteriorate rapidly as they try to make friends with Vorster. The trouble is that they have no real choice. I think a great deal of deep thought is required to prevent a situation in which Africans are fighting amongst themselves over this question of economic and diplomatic relations with South Africa. Unfortunately old policies tend to develop a momentum of their own and require much effort to change and adapt to new conditions. I myself think that Tambo ought to go round having reasoned and comprehensive talks with the leaders in Malawi, Botswana and so on and try to get some agreement on certain aspects. As Dr. Banda says if he got the 150,000 Malawi citizens back in Malawi he would be overthrown by an angry population which he could not feed. And it certainly sounds like the stark truth.

I have on several occasions asked if Papa has any material on Plaatje, any letters of his or papers. Who would have some? I am awaiting the land titles from Gaborone. They will be in Papa's name. I will then proceed with the arrangements for building.

I have just phoned Washington and found Papa out. Spoke to Mama . Love.

*Debra*

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