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Dear Prof:

Thank you for your letter and the life history which you sent me recently. I was just trying to hurry up things a bit with my cable in order to help you meet the deadline which you mentioned. However, I suppose that since your decision was already made, it was not so important. I had also heard from our mutual friend that you had three offers which sounds very good to me. I have not achieved anything definite as yet. The State University is interested but the professor with whom I spoke and whom you know I believe - Dr. Carl Rosberg, wanted to know what you teach, etc. I have sent him your curriculum vitae.

I agree that the passport question is probably the most difficult one for you and perhaps Joe's suggestion would be the best, although I would certainly welcome your presence in this country.

I am still working to raise money for the Treason Trial Fund. As you say, it becomes more difficult as the time drags on, although fund raising has been going quite well here on the West Coast considering the fact that I am all alone, pay my own expenses and do not even have full-time secretarial help. I have been, however, since my leaving South Africa, the West Coast Representative for the South Africa Defense Fund which is the American name for the Treason Trial Fund. As you have heard, the American Committee on Africa has recently broadened the Fund which formerly was the South Africa Defense Fund and is now calling it the African Defense and Aid Fund. This will include, of course, aid to the Treason Trial; George has told me that money may be earmarked for which ever country the donor wishes so that people who still want to give to the Defense Fund for South Africa can do so and it will go for the specific purpose. I have been recently appointed the West Coast Representative for this new Fund. Naturally I work in the very closest relationship with the American Committee on Africa.

I am so busy getting ready for my trip to Tunis and preparing Christmas for my 4 little grandsons that I may not get around to sending Christmas Cards this year, so please accept my Warmest Good Wishes to yourself, your wife and your family for the Holiday Season and for a better year for our dear South Africa than we imagine it possibly can be.

I just want to add that my respect and admiration for you, although always very great, has certainly grown more than I can express as a result of your very difficult and more than courageous decision in leaving Fort Hare. I really cannot express to you the feelings that I have about this; such injustice and unfairness about the loss of your pension, I can hardly imagine. You are truly a great South African - and when I have said that, I have said everything.

Affectionate regards,

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