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Nov. 18th, 1959.

Dear Z.K.,

Many thanks indeed for your letter. I appreciate greatly the confidence you have shown in me by writing so frankly. I quite agree with you in your decision not to have a public appeal. Your friends, I am certain, will individually want to express - even if only in the form of a small token - their regard for what you have done and for you yourself. Please accept the enclosed cheque in this spirit.

I have in the meantime spoken to the Bishop and am not, at the moment, taking any further steps pending answers to certain letters he has written to America. I do, however, feel pretty confident that it will be possible, between us all, to look after the headache regarding your son in England if your own position - once your future plans are clearer - should make this desirable.

You will, I am sure, keep one or other of us posted as to further developments.

I, personally, hate the thought of your leaving South Africa. But if you could get an attractive offer overseas which would enable you to do some of the academic work which present concerns must always be holding you from, I think you should consider that you have earned the right to congenial surroundings and congenial work. And, finally, this present situation simply cannot endure for all time. One day, the red carpet will be laid out for those who have had to turn their backs, seemingly for good, on their own country.

I have been heartened by the Progressive Party Congress and the public response to their first public exposition of policy the other night at the City Hall. To have a roar of applause from a crowded

hall greet the blunt announcement that the Party stands for the abolition of pass laws and influx control seemed to me quite a significant indication of an advance in thinking. Ofcourse I know how bleak the political prospects of this new Party are. Even so.. there is at least the smell of hope in the air.

All the best,

Yours sincerely,

Ellen — [Hellman]

Please don't be put off by signature on cheque.
Koch is my married name.

Answered 28/11/55
