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My Dear Papa,

I have just been reading a cutting Mama sent to us cut out from the "Evening Post". I am surprised and disappointed that the 'Evening Post' should have indulged in propaganda of that nature. Obviously the details therein could not have been furnished by the A.N.C. people locally. They know nothing about the company. Now that I come to think of it I myself know next to nothing about the African horizon and its links with other companies. That, however, is at it should be. This is from my own point of view a business proposition and that is the only test that should be applied. *It is private business.*

I was going to suggest this. If any request for explanation, such as is indicated in that article, is made then I think Papa should not do so. Instead those who make such a request whether it be Eastern Cape A.N.C. or others must be told to campaign for a resolution to be moved in the A.N.C. conference. The resolution must authorise the setting up of a special commission. The object of the commission would be to investigate the private business transactions and relationships existing between members of the Congress and any persons who have different political views and outlooks from those of Congress. This would include an examination of transactions between Congress members involving members of the United Party, Nationalist Party, Federal Party, Unity Movement, Nationalist Party, etc. The investigation must not be confined to A.N.C. members but should include Indian Congress, Saccp, Saccod etc. After the commission has concluded its work it should be possible for the movement to guide its members on what is legitimate and what is not for any Congress member who wishes to improve his economic position by expanding his business interests.

I am sure a suggestion of such a resolution would kill this nonsense. To be fair everyone would find it difficult to oppose such a resolution and the very wording would indicate to the most stupid how ridiculous the thing would be. It would mean I cannot be instructed to defend a nationalist etc. in the course of my legal practice. Also we have to pin it down to policies not to race. These fellows Mbeki and Co. must be forced to say whether they oppose being in the same company with people with different policies or persons with of a different race.

As far as the company itself is concerned it must not get entangled in explanations etc. Instead it must mount an advertisement campaign apparently unconnected with this talk explaining from a business angle how good the company is for insurance purposes particularly for Africans who do not get a square deal from other insurance companies. All this in the proper manner and language of course. Expansion of business is the answer to this stuff and incidentally I was telling Ngwenya that people will come into the company precisely because of this noise. Mbeki and Co. cannot afford to take out insurance in other companies. Let them be insured with Horizon as part of good business. We can give them better terms and for the sake of their children they will come in. That is why a lot of people are putting their money in Volkskas because they get loans without security being demanded.

I am completely cut off from Johannesburg. I sent off my section of the UNO memo and understand from Ruth that it is the only one that has come in. What a wonderful list of names for the December 10th protest. Did Papa see it. All over the world. These fellows have worked. I was sorry Papa's name was not in it. I do not know how that happened. Chiefs and Naickers are there too. I wonder what can be done here to link up with that. I think they

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should read the declaration at the Multi-racial conference which will be meeting a week previously. They could explain the protest taking place on Human Rights Day and take their conference as the South African contribution to such protest.

The last I heard from CapeTown was that they would be sending me the copy of the completed petition this week. It is Saturday today and I have not seen it. It might come today. Anyway by the time we get to Alice on the 29th November it should be over.

I had discussions with J.N. They were not too satisfactory because I can only calculate on a few weeks of activity as an attorney before we go back to Jo'burg. What happens meantime whilst we are in Jo'burg. When I am able to be with him he says he will give me sixty to start with. I did of course make it clear that I am not interested in being a partner or anything like that. The moment I am able to I will start on my own. I will have no difficulties about offices.

That reminds I sent a list of addresses to Mama. There was a mistake there. I had the address of Mda, Letlaka and George Matanzima as Box 45. It should actually be Box 40 Engcobo. I think we should also invite the Chief Daliwonga. I do not know his address but he would come.

Well Papa that is all for the present. I heard the awful news from Mama that the authorities of the College still cannot make up their minds. I think Papa should just resign himself to the position. Eventually Papa might have to be appointed if the Nats are kicked out. Has Papa written the paper for the Multi-racial conference? The title "political arrangements" suggests making sociological and political changes as one moves pawns on a chess board. If Papa has done I would be pleased to have a copy.

We are all well. Tumie and Co. are busy swotting. I have started working on Conveyancing. I mean to do it in March if I am free to do so then. I will do it in Natal. I have got the lectures complete from J.N.Singh who is too lazy to get down to it. I want to get them out of the way. Its extremely profitable business that. Love to all at home.

Your loving son,
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P.S. Today is one
of my bad typing days.
J.N.