Dear Zach:

I have just read the June issue of the South African Outlook which gives the citation for your degree. I read this citation with a good deal of pride for having known you, gratitude for having had the privilege of working with you and sympathy for the difficulties of the present day. Personally I thought that the citation was very well done. Because of the nature of such occasions there are very necessary space limitations and it is always a problem to get to the real heart of the matter in the number of words available.

You have all been in our minds very much these days. I am occupied with a great number of things as you can imagine. One of them has been to get what I could for the Defense Fund, which has been transmitted through the London office from time to time. Now other areas of Africa where I have heavy responsibilities are also having serious trouble and our friends and co-workers there in urgent need of the maximum help that we can give them. The longer I work at this job the more faith I have in the African people as a whole, and the opportunists, self-seekers and would-be leaders who are long on talk and short on ideas, do not trouble me. There are such in every society. But I am encouraged because I see an increasing number of hard working, devoted, level-headed men, who are not afraid to take strong action when necessary, but don't feel that they have to do something violent just for the sake of showing off. My only concern is as to whether the world as a whole will allow the problems of Africa to resolve themselves or whether these problems, and others such as Berlin are going to trigger us into a world cataclysm which is going to destroy us all.

My very best regards to Freda.

Write to me when and if you have the time.

Very sincerely yours,

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