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Dear Mr. Randall,

Thank you for your letter of February 13th and for the MSS which reached me in good order. I had been wanting to write to you but I suspected that you were no longer in Chicago and so did not know exactly where I might locate you. Sometime ago I saw a picture of yours in an American paper where you were together with Mr. C.M.C. Ndamse, an old student of mine who is at Hartford Seminary. Even that did not give any indication of your present address. So I was very glad to be able to get your address.

One of the reasons why I wanted to contact you is because I have some bad news for you. You may have heard that last year - September 27, 1955 - the Special (Political) Branch of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Union of South Africa conducted a Union-wide raid on the homes and offices of leaders of various organisations including the African National Congress. I was among the people whose homes and offices were raided. For over five hours my house was ransacked for documents, letters, papers, etc which in the opinion of the officers concerned might provide evidence of the contravention of the law. The officers concerned did not seem either intelligent or well informed with the result that they seized a lot of documents which could not by any stretch of imagination be regarded as affording the kind of evidence they were instructed to look for. Among the documents they seized was the material you sent to me. I tried to explain that this was of purely academic interest, but I suppose it showed that I had contacts in America they would not let it go. I have on more than one occasion since tried to get these documents released, but all I have been able to get back so far is my typewriter which they had also seized, I do not know how long it will be before I get back these documents. Previous experience of the same sort of thing seems to indicate that it may be a year before I hear any more about the matter. That is the kind of life we are living in South Africa. Some of us are under constant surveillance and we can never tell when we might be raided or called up for interrogation. Two Special Branch Officers are stationed in Alice, and their main duty seems to be to keep an eye on me and my activities. Nevertheless we are carrying on with the good work.

At the present time I have had to curtail my public activities because of the responsibility I have undertaken of acting as Principal of Fort Hare until June 1956. Arising out of the troubles we had at Fort Hare last year Professor Dent asked the Council to allow him to retire from the Principalship. His retirement takes effect in June 1956, but in the meantime he has been granted six months' leave and I am acting in his place until a new Principal is appointed. We hope to have a new Principal by June this year. Conducting the affairs of an institution such as

Fort Hare, especially at this time when African education seems to be under fire all the time, is not an easy task. I only hope it will not ruin my health as it certainly did that of Professor Dent.

To return to the MSS, I have enjoyed reading the material you have sent me so far and if you allow me to say so I think you are proceeding on the right lines, by giving due weight not only to the purely economic aspects of the problems involved but also to their social implications. The neglect of the social implications of economic development in under-developed areas has been responsible for a great deal of trouble in the past.

I have decided to send back the manuscript as soon as possible lest it suffer the same fate as the previous chapters you sent me.

I am looking forward to reading the whole MSS when it becomes available.

With kind regards to Mrs Randall and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

Z.K.M.