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Dear Z. K.:

Very little is coming through to us these days about the treason trial. I gather that the trial of the thirty is still going on. I imagine that the need for funds is very great and that there are some difficulties in raising the funds. I know that with nothing very startling happening, it is increasingly difficult to raise funds here in the United States.

Mainly I am writing to you now because I am wondering if you would be able to write a specific article for our publication, Africa Today. There has been a great deal of discussion recently about the new Africanist movement and split from the ANC. Yet practically nothing has been written, at least that has reached the United States, commenting upon the importance or the significance of this move. Is the Africanist movement really an expression of black chauvinism? I have seen some comments by leaders of this movement that indicate that this is not completely the case. Yet there seems to be a tendency in that direction. Also the leaders of the movement have tended to pose as opponents of Communism. Is there any truth in this or is it simply a method of gaining some following from certain elements in the population? What is the program of the Africanist movement as over against that of the ANC? What tactics are being, or is it planned to be, used that differ from those of the ANC?

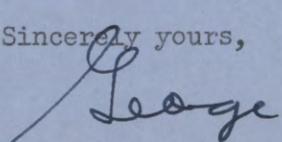
These and a good many other questions might be raised. We would hope for an article that would run from 1500 to 2000 words. We have a deadline in mind of toward the end of October. I know that you are confronted with a good many responsibilities these days, but if it would be possible for you to write something for us along these lines it would be deeply appreciated.

As you know, we don't have any real money to work with, but I am sure we could help a bit by offering you twenty-five dollars if this would be of assistance to you, as I am sure it would.

I am keeping closely in touch with Harold Isaacs these days, and we have been talking a great deal about you. I hope that something may work out.

My best regards to Freda.

Sincerely yours,


George M. Houser

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