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Pietermaritzburg.

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Leslie
Dear Rubin,

If there is one kind of man that I detest it is the sort who, as soon as another fellow is away from home ~~fraxions~~ for a few months, immediately strikes up a correspondence with his wife. I don't suppose I would ever have caught you out either, if my family hadn't been away at the coast when I came home and there the letter was, large as life, taking up the whole of the side-board !

How are you ? Very well from the sound of things. So, I must confess, and I, although I must confess further that I am not at all sorry to be home again. As you can imagine I have not had much time this last ten days to catch up with my fan mail. On the contrary I have been far too busy with the much more fundamental task of topping up the liquor content in my blood-stream. It is about back to where it should be now, so I can give my attention to lesser matters.

I have been in touch with almost all our people by phone or otherwise since I came home and have found them all very cheerful and not especially dismayed by their experience. As you said in your letter I think the Party came out of the whole affair very well indeed. Alan and Jordan spoke at a meeting here in Maritzburg in mid-June and drew over a thousand people for it which is really a phenomenal turn-out for a place like this. In Cape Town particularly the Party has apparently strengthened itself quite remarkably during the last few months. I don't know whether that has got anything to do with the fact that Rubin is in Ghana or not.

We were all eventually kicked out of our various jails with conditions attached to our release — no question of whether you accepted them or not, you were simply given them. Mine confine me to the local Magisterial District and tell me that I may "not participate in, or associate myself in any way with the activities of any organisation or attend any meeting or gathering without the prior approval of the Magistrate ". So there, for the moment, we are.

Give our regards to Pearl and Martin and many thanks for your letter.