

Pietermaritzburg.

19th July, 1960.

*H. J. J.*

Dear Peter,

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to get around to writing to thank you for your telegram of good wishes. The truth is that I have rather put off dealing with anything at all during this past two weeks. Anyway, thanks very much now and please pass on my thanks to everyone else down there.

At the same time could you tell your people how very much impressed we all were with the wonderful job they did in Cape Town in the early days of the emergency?

I have only seen Alan for one brief talk since I came home. As you know he has disappeared off into the Bundu and will only be back at the end of the month. On the question of overseas representation which you mentioned in your letter of the 13th to Sue I am amongst those who is opposed to our establishing any formal organisation amongst our people who have left. I think they should be given authority to raise money but that they should take no other action independent of consultation with us. There was always time for consultation with Pat over the work he did last year and I can't myself see why there should not be in the future. I have written to Wolf Ham on the question of raising money and I will also write to Pat as soon as I know where he is.

For the moment I am in a state of suspended animation, fenced in by these damned conditions. I will discuss the full implications of them with Alan as soon as he gets back.

All the best, Peter, and please tell Handdiph that I will be returning his draft with my comments in the next day or two.