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P.O. BOX 59, CLAREMONT: Cape.

15th June, 1961.



My dear Peter,

Do you know Miss M. Fleming, of :
4, Barry Road, Wembley, PMBurg ?

She has very creditably formed a Committee in PMB for "the Relief of Banished Persons", and she wrote to Pat at CONTACT for information about exiles. Pat passed her letter to me (as you know I am on the Cape Town HUMAN RIGHTS - WELFARE COMMITTEE, and we, together with a similar committee in Jhb. and another in Durban, composed of various individuals, and with no political attachment, have been working for the welfare of the banished and their dependants for about 18 months).

I wrote to Miss Fleming and also to Helen Joseph who is the moving spirit on the H.R.W.C. in Johburg, and put the two ladies in touch with each other. Helen now writes to say that Miss Fleming desires to work independently of us or anyone else, and that she wrote to Miss F. last month, giving her some useful information she required and pointing out the need to co-ordinate our efforts and information. If this is not done, effort is wasted, and some exiles will receive more help than others, and this is relatively unimportant from the aspect of the exiles becoming aware of this, but it is an important principle in itself that assistance should be handed out on an equal basis.

Helen's letter to Miss Fleming was most cordial and co-operative (I have a copy of it), but I regret that Miss F. has not acknowledged it. Helen further says that our Durban H.R.W.C "doesn't seem able to draw the Maritzburg people any closer."

I am wondering if you can find a way of approaching her, and am confident that with your special brand of friendly diplomacy you may be able to reassure her about our Committees and ask for her co-operation with us.

I hope you are keeping well.

Kindest regards,

Dot Selminshaw