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Dear Steve,

Apologies for taking so long to answer your last letter.

John and I went to see Mnguni a few weeks ago and found him in the best of health and spirits. He has just launched a non-racial, non-tribal burial society with a political motivation. What better than that? I have been persuaded to make a small donation which I think entitles me to a coffin and a shroud.

I don't think the old man should leave that part of the world at his time of life, certainly not to go as far afield as Kwa-Magwaza. He is talking vaguely of moving to his birthplace, where he was before going to Stepmore. The reason for this appears to be a dispute with one of the brothers who owns the land on which he lives. However, as far as I could make out, the dispute is an old one, Mnguni is on good terms with the other brother, and there doesn't seem to be any particular pressure on him to move. If he does decide to, I think it would be better for him to go back to his birthplace, rather than strike out anew at his age.

The homestead, garden and fields all seem in very good order but a serious problem is that his son has not been home for a year or more and has not written for nearly that long. He has left his wife and child with Mnguni; nor does he seem to send money. The old man was hoping to make contact with him soon after our visit, but I have not heard whether he did so.

If there is any news I will let you know about it.

Regards,

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