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Dear Peter,

Thank you very much for your letter of 2nd Nov., just received (getting good, aren't I?) and the complimentary copy of Nov. REALITY. Enclosed is my subscription while I still have the necessary.

I'll be interested to read what Laurine has to say about Nyanga. I happened to be talking to a Women's Movement for Peace member yesterday who told me that Laurine had unfortunately annoyed and discouraged them in a strong attack on their methods, approach, etc., but without offering any alternatives that might be helpful. A great pity, especially as she has tremendous gifts and ability. I guess this is all a measure of her despair at the seemingly intractable situation. Well, we must carry on as best we may "with courageous pessimism" as Athol Fugard put it!

About Cromwell: I saw George Rodger at the CRL monthly committee meeting on Mon. (9th). He had been away for the Presbyterian conference. I asked if he had received your letter. Yes he had, but had not replied (yet). I find him slightly unreal, you know. I took the plunge and invited him to meet me the next day to visit Cromwell. After a long, long silence he finally uttered a rejection because he is too busy this week. So I nailed him down to the next week, so we intend going to C. on 16th Nov. and I will write you again thereafter.

It was good to see Alan down here, if only briefly and in circumstances where one cannot really say anything very much. Unfortunately we were already booked for another party when the Philipases invited us to that one, so had to withdraw early. We thought he was looking extremely well.

I saw Beyers and Ilse yesterday, a rare opportunity having presented itself, and here too it was great to see them suntanned and relaxed and enjoying the sea and sunshine.

Bye for now.

Love,

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*P.S. Thank you for publishing my article D.*