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Dear Peter,

Many thanks for taking the trouble to respond.

It is sad that our friends abroad have played directly into the hands of the Rightwing. The problem is that whilst Peevee was no more verlig than Vorster (except perhaps vis-a-vis the Cape Coloureds) he was nevertheless being pushed along by the true verligtes. Leo Marguard was one even before the word was invented and Margaret Ballinger, Jan Hofmeyr, Maurice Webb, Denis Fannin, Mabel Palmer, each of whom has contributed much to human progress. Thus I also acknowledge the contributions to progress of Langdauid de Villiers the lawyer not the ex-Minister, of Gerrit Olivier, Willie Esterhuyse, Wynand Malan, Nas Steenkamp. That group is now pushed into the background by the US Senate's actions. And all of us pay the price. A letter just received from Herman Nickel refers to this and I send a copy.

I also send copy of a piece I wrote on the tricam in 1987. I am in one of my gloomy moods, made worse by the fact that my absence from my law practice costs too much in terms of money and otherwise. One perk I use freely is free postage for political correspondence. Alles van die beste vir jou en vrou en kinders.

Pat Poovalingam