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Dear Peter

My revised letter to Dave Everatt is enclosed.

Thanks for the missing pages and for your interesting letter of 4 August, which I received yesterday. I am discussing the central paragraph with our friend who tried many times to speak to you on the telephone when you were here. I hope I can get something worthwhile on PAC 'proposals for political arrangements after apartheid' from him.

Last year I had several conversations with representatives of an outfit called, I think, International Foundation for Conciliation, who were talking to all the political groups you list, and more, with the same object - to move them towards a agreement on a set of basic points. The head man is called Mike Davis and they were operating from the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg. I wonder if you have been in touch with them. I was not 100% happy with them, though the ANC talked very frankly with them in Zambia. The IFC has a very respectable Geneva base and set of trustees.

Pierre Cronje's account must have been interesting. What do you make of IDASA? A bit remote from the grassroots? I think I told you of a great Slabbert fan called Peter Loveday (married to a cousin of mine) who does not seem to have been made use of by IDASA and who might just be useful to the LDA, as a business operator at the heart of things who might offer an economics input. His address is 23 North Street, Melrose, Johannesburg.

Just heard of the arrest of 86 miners on the BBC news. Is this the end of the phoney war?

We did enjoy our dinner with you and Phoebe and the Hjul. I have a feeling Gillian didn't manage to get a thankyou to you both before you left.

Yours

Rand Vigne