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Dear Jimmy,

Thank you very much for your long and detailed commentary on Tom Lodge. I have sent the letter on to him.

I am quite sure that you are right about JCC and its involvement not being based solely on self-interest. In many cases it was concern for the black boycotters and their families which was the prime motivation of quite a lot of them, I am sure. The trouble with a great many academics, of which Lodge is one, I am afraid, is that they take up set ideological positions, and then fit all the rest into those. This is very much the case with the local Marxists, of whom there are a great many in the universities. Everything is seen in terms of "class", which I think is nonsense. I am not sure whether Lodge is a Marxist but certainly some of it has washed off on to him, and his comments on the JCC in this instance are fairly typical. I think it will do him good to have his assessment challenged by you. And don't be surprised if he does phone up and say he would like to come and see you one day. He is an Englishman who first appeared here as a student in the mid-1970s, collecting material for Jonty Driver's biography of Patrick Duncan. Driver had left the country on a exit-permit and was unable to come back here to do research, and Lodge came to do it for him. He later came back as a part-time lecturer at Wits, stayed on, and has now become a sort of expert on the ANC. If he does get to see you I think you will like him.

There is no light shining at the end of our tunnel as 1988 gets under way. In our particular part of the world, the area near Pietermaritzburg, conflict between Buthelezi's Inkatha and the UDF is the order of the day with well over a hundred deaths

reported since the beginning of the year. Again it is ideology gone mad with the UDF accusing Buthelezi of being a "lackey of the system" and he accusing them of being dupes of Moscow. The tragedy is that both groups oppose apartheid but are now spending most of their time fighting each other. Big Brother in Pretoria must be loving it, but the ordinary black people in the communities concerned, most of whom don't much like either of the contestants, are having a terrible time. An "eye-for-an-eye" is the order of the day and how one ever breaks that cycle I just don't know.

On that cheerful note I leave you!

With best wishes,