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Dear Robin,

This time my excuse for not having answered your letter sooner is the conference to which the enclosed cuttings refer. I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE Interested to hear about it.

You will have noticed already that my typing today is again not what it should be. Please excuse that infusion of Capitals up there and any others that may follow !

The Conference was a considerable success although marred to a certain extent by the fact that the official Ndaba representative pulled out on the basis that it was a one-sided affair. Participants in the local mediation attempt between Inkatha and the UDF also pulled out. In fact, in the case of a member of the FMB Chamber of Commerce negotiation team he was told to do so by the Chamber. This angered some members of the organising committee but I think there was justification for it as he had made a statement on the negotiations in an American paper, critical of Inkatha's rôle, which no mediator should have done. The Ndaba pull-out was more damaging and will need some repairing. There is hope of this, I think, because there were several Ndaba supporters present who were generally sympathetic to the Conference proceedings.

I have given you what I see as the affiliations of the principal participants, so you will be able to see the breadth of support. It isn't very wide but it is perhaps at least a beginning of an attempt to get together the 600,000 whites that Jannie Hofmeyer estimates are for a non-racial society of one sort or another. But amongst those are undoubtedly the Ndaba people so it must be made easy for them to belong. My notes on the programme about affiliations might not be clear in the case of Burroughs of the PFP. He was present, it's the people from the Ndaba that that note refers to. We (the organisers) will be meeting next week to start the follow-up to the conference and to try to pull in a wider range of individuals to work in that follow-up.

Last night we had the AFRA AGM. It was slightly overshadowed by the fact that we had been visited, a few days ago, by an Inspector from the Director of Fundraising, wanting to know where our money came from, and whether we had the necessary registration to solicit for funds. Most of our funds, of course, come from overseas and are, according to our legal advice, quite legally acquired, as they are received in terms of a contract. However, in terms of the present proposed legislation, any overseas funds may be stopped if the spirit moves whoever-it-is to stop them. Time will tell whether we are to be one of his victims or not. In the meantime we are carrying on as usual.

Thank you very much for the offer of the Achebe review. We would be delighted .

There seems (who really knows?) to have been a drop in the local violence. People from around FMB that I have given lifts to lately testify to this and give the police/SADF presence as one reason. I am sure the police have been playing anything but an impartial role but the fact of the matter -- and one which some people would not like to concede, I suspect -- is that many ordinary people feel that they would be worse off without them. I have always thought the call for the troops

and the police to get out of the townships was hard to support. All it would lead to would be another chaotic situation with a different set of victims. What one should be fighting for is a properly disciplined and impartial presence - which, I must confess, looks rather like wishful thinking.

No direct news from the Crumley family, so all must be well.

Yours,

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