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Dear Myrtle,

*ie Now!*

Many many thanks for that excellent long reply. I really appreciate all the time it must have taken.

Despite your disclaimers it is very useful indeed. It helps to clarify and fill out a lot of issues I was very uncertain about.

Many thanks too for suggesting I ask further questions. I do have more so here goes. In advance my apologies if this is too time consuming or tedious for you.

1. Interesting what you say about John sending money to other organisations-the reasons you suggest make sense. I think he did at times have delusions of grandeur.

There is separate confirmation for his having given £1000 to the National Convention meeting of Dec.

1961. I think he also gave maney to the Cape Coloured Convention but have no separate confirmation.

I gather he gave money to PAC but how much or to whom is not known. I gather he sold a half share in the boat to Nana Mahomo according to Neville Rubin. I never knew he gave money to the Liberals. I will check this w Peter Brown and Randolph. If this gogs any further info do please let me know.

2. I dont know how many people or groups were moved out of SA. I only have confirmation of

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The Nurses

Can you recall any others?

3. Re Books.. I didnt know Rusty had written a book about his experiences. Can you recall the title? I

know Hilda has written a recent memoir. I assume the Bram Fisher you mention is the book by Stephen

Clingman? I did not know about the Anthony Sher and will get it. I think you and Monty are also mentioned in Joe Slovo's Unfinished Autobio.

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4. You say at one point "I am quite blank about the revolutionary socialism bit". I was perplexed about what you were referring to-I went back to the docs I sent but still could not see it. I am embarrassed to ask but what part of the items I sent you are you referring to??

5 I have relied mostly on Randolph and Neville Rubin for info about John. I think Hugh came into the org much later post John and post help for refugees.

Some questions on other notes. These questions come from when I last saw you in Newlands-the tape I took wh I placed on the floor (bad for acoustics) was very bad and I have had trouble deciphering it.

a. Have I got this straight?? Monty while in the services in Italy made contact both with CP partisans-at Monte Casino??? and with members of the Jewish Brigade. { I dont have dates nor the chronology nor why as an enlisted man he was able to do this}. The members of the Jewish Brigade were attempting to get guns for the Haganah. If any of this right? Is the implication that Monty got training or knowledge about guerilla warfare thru these contacts? Is there a connection here with these experiences and what happened later with the ARM??

b) Did you know Vaughan Stone? If so do you know if he is still alive? In the UK? Where?

c) I gather that an engineer-I, Cardiff-an engineer?? helped train the first members of the NCL in explosives use?? Is he still alive? Where? Who did he train? The members at the first national meeting?? Or just Monty and Alan Lipman?

d) In the latter connection what was the role of Harry Hartwell. I gather he informed Baruch that the NCL had been formed. Thus I assume he got this info from you/monty? I also understand that while he was not an NCL member-in fact was quite nervous about it-he nevertheless "made a bomb" tho I cant tell where or why?? Is he still around? Where?

Thats more than enough to impose on you for now.

Again many many thanks for your ongoing help with all this its most useful

Fondest best wishes

Magnus