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**Subject: Re: [Fwd: noseweek]**

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**To: magnus gunther <magnusg@magma.ca>**

Dear Magnus,

When your last email arrived dated 30th Nov. I had already left to visit my sister in Israel and have only just returned so the first time that I read it, together with another 30 plus emails, was the night before last.

Re your queries. I do remember very vaguely the storyyy of John selling half the boat to Nana Mahomo though I can't understand why Mahomo would want to do this. I gather that he is back in SA. My niece in London may have his address if you want to contact him.

2. I have no knowledge of any other groups moved out.

3. I can't find my copy of Rusty's book. Must have lent it. It came out either last year or the year before and I can't remember the title. Hope you can track it down otherwise I can phone around. Yes, the book about Bram was the Klingman one.

4. Page 01, para.3 of the Swanepool document. I can not think of any pamphlets that contained their assertion that they were revolutionary socialists unless it came from Baruch's group

Monty made contact with the partisans and Jewish Brigade after the war had ended in Europe and they were waiting to be repatriated which took a long time giving him the opportunity to move around sometimes officially and at othertimes taking risks. He did not learn anything about guerilla warfare directly. He may have absorbed stuff. For example, we built our NCL around what we knew of the French and Italian undergrounds. We took it forgranted that that was the way to go. We did not look at African models of struggle at that time. The CP were people like Rusty and Brian Bunting etc. who were also floating around for periods after hostilities had ended. Monty was holed up in Monte Casino for about three months of heavy winter snows and they went foraging for food and made contact with the partisans. The members of the Jewish Brigade were attempting to get guns.

b) I did not know Vaughan Stone or anything about him.

c) The only engineer that I knew was a character called (John) (sic) Watson who worked very closely with Adrian. He was army. We met him in London and he did do some training and set himself up as being very important in the ARM. However we felt that there was something shady about him. He would disappear and then turn up. We were not sure which side he was

on. He was another person with strong power and control needs. I seem to remember there was a break with him in the UK. He managed to get out and we had a query about that. All this would need to be checked as my memory is hazy on this story. In Jhb. we did have an engineer who trained Monty and Alan but he was known only to us and his name protected. Adrian on one of his trips to London tried very hard to get us to reveal everyone in the org. for some unacceptable reason but we held firm and protected several people whose names have never been known.

d) Harry H. had nothing to do with the NCL. He was scared of getting involved and got out to Botswana for many months at an early stage. I can't understand why he would have told Baruch about the NCL. I probably did so by telling Rhoda Prager when we were trying to build a broader based. NCL and we were sounding each other out. Baruch was in Rhoda's group. I do not think that Harry would have made a bomb but I would be interested to know your source. Harry lives in Wales. If you want his address I can give it you you.

I am doing this reply very quickly as I have a lot of catching up to do and also I am going on holiday from the 17th to the 6th of Jan. So I am not looking up addresses etc. unless you want them and then I will do them, but later.

Pleased that you are finding all this helpful.

All the best,

Myrtle