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Dear John, Swingle
Many thanks for your letter of 27th September. It was good to hear that you had settled down, and fascinating to learn some of the aspects of your work. Do you think you could manage to let me have a copy of your curriculum, and of your reading list? These may be relevant to our own courses for the Hons. people - and the subject is, in any event, one which I should like to keep up with.

I was disappointed at the news of your inability to manage the piece(s) for the NEW AFRICAN: don't you have a vac some time, when you could settle down to them. I am still anxious to press upon (liberals in particular) people here the issues involved in democratic socialism. A resolution calling for a detailed program designed to achieve economic equality was passed by 29-16 at the Cape LP Congress, moved by me and seconded by Terence Beard. It probably owed its passage to a heavy stress on the moral issues involved in removal of economic privilege, a vagueness as to methods by which this would be done, and a distinct avoidance of the word socialist. The latter two aspects are, of course, temporary tactical emphases, designed to be used at the commencement of a program of education. But the rest must follow - and your articles would be useful.

About Peake, Sisulu, Mandela: Peake's case is a curiosity. Anti-red, he claims to have been shopped by the reds: says that he was 'phoned and told to take a parcel to the Roeland St. Gaol and leave it there. No names, no description of parcel, simply a statement that it would be on his stoep at an appointed time. The cops were waiting for him when he arrived, caught him 7-handed. He had been the leader of the opposition to the reds within the CPC; they had used rather dirty tactics in try to get rid of him before: including putting his wife up to suing for divorce on grounds of adultery....He was lucky to get but two years, though he has 1 year to serve on another count as well,... Mandela - one hears similar stories. He was being driven by Cecil Williams, which may mean that he was shopped as well. CW is about as dedicated as they come, which could mean that he is suitably amoral to do this sort of thing...Ties in with Peake's discovery on escape attempt: he was travelling in convoy, left early one morning after reporting to copshop in terms of bail conditions. Was found near Kimberley before he was due to report for 2nd time that day. Is the SB that good? Or was there a tip-off? Sisulu appears to be a straightforward case. None of this ties in with the story told by Jordan Ngubane that there was with Congress, a parallel red cell-structure headed by Mandela, from which everyone took instructions, and even Luthuli could not balk. It does, however, tie in with your idea that Mandela was not a red. I wonder; and reserve judgement.

About the cultural project you mention, I think that anything you can do to get support for it should be tried. I have now been appointed to handle the funds of the show (nationally), and really believe that we could get off to a good start if we had but a couple of thousand pounds. Later, if it proves to be a success, it may be necessary to go on tour, to establish reps all over the place, have whole casts ready to play all roles, and to train others to do so. Some of the sets and other equipment can be found here, so can transport facilities. But all this takes cash, and people, and, most important, time to set up. The big question is whether we will have enough of the latter. I think so - but it is as well to remember that this is a popular sort of thing, with others in the field, probably starting with more money - but, fortunately, less knowhow - than we have.

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Rev. Mr. Ruben

Regards, and to Wendy.
Yours,

PS: About CODs now banned of course. I don't think anyone is terribly disturbed. It has been of nuisance value more than anything else, and its existence precipitated the PAC split. Now they can concentrate on the non-racial CP.

About Peake, Stuart, the police Peake's case in a curiosity. Anti-rob, he claims to have been stopped by the police and leave it 'phoned and told to take a parcel to the Island St. Gadi and leave it there. He names, no description of parcel, simply a statement that it would be on his step at an appointed time. The cops were waiting for him when he arrived, caught him T-handed. He had been the leader of the operation to the rob within the CP; they had used rather dirty tactics in try to get rid of him before including putting his wife up to using a divorce on grounds of adultery..... He was lucky to get out two years, though he has 1 year to serve on another count as well..... Mandala - one hears similar stories. He was being driven by Cecil Wilson, which may mean that he was stopped as well. CW is about as dedicated as they come, which could mean that he is a useful asset to do his sort of thing... Then in with Peake's discovery on a case to attempt he was travelling in convoy, left early one morning after reporting to company in terms of ball conditions. Was found near the house before he was due to report for 2nd time that day. In the 2nd case. None of this fits in with the story told by Gordon Wilson that there was with Gordon, a parallel red cell-structure headed by Mandala, that Peake was there a tip-off? Stuart appears to be a bit of a character. It looks as if with your idea that Mandala was not a red. I

