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16th October, 1964.

Dear Randolph,

Well, well. At last, a letter. (I rather suspected that the fact that I hadn't replied to May's 1st letter might result in some sort of communication from you.)

To set your mind at rest, I've written to May and to Oliver Caldecott suggesting that May go with Oliver to my flat and dig for his Mrs Lord alone knows where it is. In some sort of "pending" file, I guess. I didn't do anything with it re publishers, you may recall, (a) because I had no time; (b) because I thought it was poor stuff.

Did you get my letter c/o Minerva; and mine to your NW 8(?) address, and has James contacted you about my letter last week. Things really must move re the NA. Swaziland seems out now, though SA-orientation would be much greater if it lived there. Editorially, it is possible; and financially, if CCF are prepared to put up the £1,000 deposit and lay out the cash for an offset machine or its hire.

Still, I doubt whether "Michael G. Copper" will want to go on now - with all the uncertainty that's existed so far. He still seems prepared to, but I don't know whether it's the best thing any longer.

If, Swaziland is out, then it'll have to be London or Lusaka I suppose. I leave consideration of London to you, James and the CCF. Let me know if you decide on this, and where you want me to fit in.

As to Lusaka, it's certainly possible. Saw Hall, Editorial Director of the Mail, last night. He's all for it. There's a woman who could do the actual work - Roy Rudden's wife; he's now head of news on the NRBC, formerly of Sunday Times in Jhb, and a party member. Also lots of local talent around; Matshikiza, Holmes, Bennet. Could even try for an editorial board comprising ANC, PAC and Unity Movement people - all have offices here. (Tennyson Makiwane, Massumimi, Mqotsi). Reckon it could be done with an extra £1,000 a year (£3,000) from the CCF. Think about it. And make CCF do likewise.

What are you doing? Job-wise, I mean, not politically. Bully for you and the AAM, incidentally. Gather that the change is rather substantial since my time, Coms in a minority.

What gives with the company? Or shouldn't I ask?

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Take it you've heard all about Jhb & CT cases. My name was mentioned, incidentally, but only as a "co-conspirator" in the latter. Leftwich certainly seems to have coughed. (Source: Jonty. Have you spoken to him, -at Sevenoaks). What with Harris confessing, Lloyd giving evidence, and Rosemary W. going to do the same, things are really going to hum. Why did Leftwich do it: in return for an indemnity for himself and girl-friend?

Do tell sometime the story of your exit.

Love to Gillian and the kids.

Yrs,