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Dear Randolph,

Many thanks for your two letters. Poor May. I am sorry for him. But - thanks be - I'll be back in London within a month and will have a real bash at finding the bloody thing myself.

Yes, Allott finally saw the point, after a rather stark description of the possible consequences of my being in Kanye; and insistence on my part that I be provided with (a) a police guard, and (b) a gun.... So we'll be off before the end of this month. If all goes well, I'll come up via Dar, Nairobi, Addis and Cairo (spending a day or two in each). I'll see what I can do NA-wise. Is Kgosana still in Dar? (I know he's been hoofed out of PAC, but believe he may still be there at the Univ).

About NA: (1) Sure, I agree to having it run from London, and with suggestion that we should have offices in Zambia, (Swaziland) and Cape Tpwn. (2) What kind of an office in London? Not in CCF occupied building if poss. What kind of Secretary, a typist at £40, or a Secretary at £60? Anyway, we can manage with either. I'll be happy to do my old bit - letters and all, and we can all toss in lunch hours. (3) If Bill is coming to London, for X's sake get him to bring the circulation lists etc with him, or send them on ahead. Needed badly. Likewise files of back-correspondence, to the extent these exist. (4) Nice of Jill to think of me, but I don't see why I have to resign: I'm not on trial, not banned (yet) nor can I be (being Br. and all). No harm can come to NA, can it? I can't see. Anyway, I'd like to be both editor and director for purposes of negotiations here and in Dar etc., as well as in London. (5) As to here: spoke to Holmes and have fixed for him and Matshikiza to form nucleus of a committee here. Sally to be employed to do the work - at £12.10.0 per month. We're to see Hall and Wateridge in a day or two. The proposition we'll put is that we want to maintain an office, so will Publicity Print Services (the C.A. Mail, New Writing From Zambia etc., Company) (a) take 49% of shares in a local NA company; (b) put someone on the Board of Directors; (c) give us an office; (d) undertake distribution. We think they'll bite: seem keen to become the Lords Thompson of Zambia. (6) What about Swaziland? Do you want Mike to carry on trying to do something, perhaps with Whispers and Themba, Dumisa, and one or other Nxumale? (7) Forgot to mention that Ntloedibe has just taken over as PAC representative, and that Masemini is 2nd in command, with Bransby Jordan about until he moves on further. All keen on NA. Willing to

help. Matshikiza's contacts are with ANC, so we're ok for being in the middle, I think. (7) Cape Town: Who's to run it? Jill? (I'm trying to fix for Ruan to come here - as Sec. to the Int. Ref. Council of Zambia. I think he'll take the job. Hope to have a wire from him in a day or two. He'll add to NA stalwarts (pronably more stall than warts), be in a good position to pick up articles from exule orgs.

Now.. To Company: Not sure about the pamphlet idea. Are we out in the open, then? Who? My own view is that we should fold, quite frankly. Name stinks in SA, with everyone ratting on everyone else (word from Thaler, who was up here for Kwach and told Tim this). If we are to rally round the boys on trial, AAM should be the body to kick up the fuss (we could perhaps supply the funds, write the material etc). But what the hell to say - that the bylk of us are untouched, that our millions of Africans are still underground? Personality-wise those on trial don't exactly sparkle, do they?... Sorry if I'm a bit negative on all, but I'm very disappointed quite honestly, and rather shaken... What about our Jack London image? Everyone in Dar and here talks as if the thing was his organisation? Is it worthwhile correcting this? Isn't it better to let him take the odium, boat and all?... Sorry, I'm still being negative.... I'd better leave the thing in your hands, and discuss it more fully when I get back.

What are you doing - for a living, I mean? Oh yes, about the Acad. Freedom article, can it wait till I return? If not, make another visit to my flat. In study, you'll find NUSAS minutes back to 1963. They'll give a good summary of acad. freed. events... Regards