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Dear John, *hang*

I am sorry that I have not written before now; quite frankly, I have not had the time to do anything but catch up on my work at the University and gradually bring myself back into contact with New African and other affairs here.

Let me report on the specific items which we discussed, both in London and over the telephone:

- 1) Ernie's Mail is definitely not reaching him, whether because it is not getting to Jhb at all, or because your courier does not deliver it I don't know. He was, therefore, most disturbed to receive the news that it was unlikely that he would receive funds from you for his visit to the States. I gather, though, that he still intends going. (or so Randolph - who saw him this week-end - says). I suggest that any contact should be through me, as mail has certainly reached me until now, and will continue to do so.
- 2) On the subject of the young chap they want to go to the ICFTU school, Ernie tells me that he was responsible for organising a strike in 1960.
- 3) Can you follow up the question of ICFTU supporting Ernie's trip, at least in part?
- 4) Your proposal concerning financial arrangements for the other show was discussed with Randolph and he raised the matter with people in Jhb. They are quite satisfied to allow the funds to be administered from here. Could you please arrange for a transfer to me of whatever you wish to make available. Since there is some urgency about acquiring at least a small sum in the near future, could do something about this. (My account is N.N. Rubin, at Barclays, Adderley St. You are, of course, at liberty to use Insight Publications (Pty) Ltd at Standard, Adderley St, or your attorney friend in Cape Town). Perhaps John W could let me have something right away.
- 5) As you realise, plans for recent activities went somewhat awry. But a new set has been formulated and will, hopefully, be implemented soon.
- 6) There is general agreement on the need for a full-time operative. The sooner we have about £600 to guarantee his salary for a year, the better, <sup>for Watson</sup>
- 7) On the subject of co-operation with the PAC people, I reported your conversation to Randolph, who doubtless passed it on. I was unable to see Nana in Rome, because he didn't 'phone me.

Please let me have a reply soon, so that I know how soon we can get moving here. Regards,

*Neville Rubin*