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15th June, 1963.

Mr. Richard Fowler,
University Festival Committee,
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Pietermaritzburg,
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Dear Richard,

I cannot tell you how horrified I was to receive your recent letter. I fully understand why it has taken so long to get figures, but I simply not understand why Malcolm wrote to us on at least two occasions to tell us that there was a small profit.

You will understand that we were looking forward to your paying our set transportation cost, instead of which you come through with a position in which you are expecting us to pay you money.

The sad fact of the matter is that Sponono has almost ruined this organisation already and may yet succeed in so doing. I must appeal to you to talk to your committee and get them to include your programme revenue with the total revenue. You must also include the revenue from the sale of records. Perhaps on that basis, you will be able to pay the royalties that are still outstanding without calling on us to pay anything.

Our position at the moment is that we are showing a current loss of between R5,000 and R7,000 and I have been given a moratorium by our trustees to get this organisation into a solvent state before September 31st. This is a task beyond our capacity, unless we get some help from people who have regard for our work.

I leave you to think about this and let me know as soon as possible what you are going to be able to do.

Yours sincerely,


IAN E. BERNHARDT.
MANAGER.