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Dear Mr Vigne

I write to you in the hope that you might be able to be of some assistance to me in a project in which I am at the moment engaged.

I am a student at the University of Cape Town and am currently doing research for a Masters degree in history. When I started my research, I was concerned, broadly speaking, with the role played by Liberals in the years after Sharpeville, and the problems they faced. More recently, however, I have become more interested in the history of the African Resistance Movement, or the National Committee for Liberation, as it was originally called. It is an organisation which has never received much academic attention and I believe that from such a study much may be learned about the dilemmas and choices that liberals -- and other whites committed to a non-racial democratic South Africa -- faced in the nineteen-sixties.

I understand that you were involved in this organisation and would therefore have some knowledge of its history and workings, as well as of the kind of considerations that led to its formation. Your assistance would be invaluable to me in this project.

At this stage I have no concrete requests; this letter is intended primarily to establish contact with you, and to enquire from you whether you would be willing to be of assistance in any way at all.

I will hopefully be able to get funds to come to England either at the end of this year or at the beginning of next year, and would be very glad if you could grant me the opportunity to interview you.

Yours sincerely,

*Andries du Toit*