

Dear Phyllis,

Thank you very much for your two letters. I have been so touched by the gentleness and closeness of yours that reaches me through them. I am sad that we are so far apart and really do not know when we will see each other again. There is so much I want to know from you. So much you could tell me about your country and the struggle for liberation that you have witnessed.

The study on West-German Corporations in SA: I know it well and have a copy but only in German. The South African Council of Churches has translated it into English. I'll try to get a copy for you but it might take some time.

Press clippings: Thanks a lot for the ones you send me already. I am greatly interested in getting all the news on:

- unions in SA
- detentions, political trials, political prisoners, torture + death in jails.

I appreciate your help in this way much since our effectiveness in solidarity work depends to a large degree on the information available to us in a quick way.

Financial aid: I do not see any immediate chance of helping. But I'll talk to people about your request. As to my perception, chances are very low.

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Phyllis, take care and continue the good work you're doing. Here in West Germany more and more people are becoming aware of the injustice in Southern Africa. I think the solidarity work will reach a new level of effectiveness. Still, the problems inside the movement are tremendous, 'power' struggle and so on, I guess you know these things, personality clashes, ego trips, the whole bit. My union has done a tremendous thing by asking a German Bank not to extend a credit to South African Transport Services because of the strike of the General Workers Union in Port Elizabeth harbor. Of the course the bank was not impressed, but the initiative was very valuable.

I am thinking of you, let me hear how things are going

Love Tom