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My dear Gwen

It has been good to hear from you. I notice that you are as busy as ever.

My Ghanaian trip has not materialised as the Foreign Minister was out of the Country when I wanted to take it. I am no longer sure when, I am likely to go there again. I was also supposed to attend a Seminar in Munich from the 9th to the 12th but I just cannot afford the time. I have certain priorities here and feel I should be around for a while. We are reviving Inkatha National Movement. BOSS seems worried about it and there is already evidence that they are already trying to organise against it.

I am delighted to know that you have received the copies of the Debates of the kwaZulu Legislative Assembly. Helen is a phenomenon. One day those who snipe at her will realise what a jewel she is.

Thanks for your very good comments for the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. William Bowdler. I hope he will fly to meet me at Nongoma on the 12th June. We are also sorry that Ed Holmes and Mary Holmes are leaving South Africa.

I however think it is a bit hyperbolic to state as you did in your notes on page 4 that the Hammanskraal meeting was the most representative all-black meeting. Lebowa was represented by Mr. Ramusi and we were represented by Mr. Mlotshwa (an Urban Representative). Then there were people such as Mrs. Meer and David Curry. If by representative you mean that there was an Indian, a Coloured leader and these representatives I have mentioned, I do understand. Most of the participants were SASO and BPC representatives who dominated the meeting. Whilst their view is important, I think it is absolutely wrong to say just because they indulged in mud-slinging which caused people like Mrs. Meer to walk out, that this was the most representative meeting held in recent times. More over except for the very naive amongst Blacks, who are baited by the Press, no one makes a distinction between the destiny of Blacks in the Urban areas and those in the Rural areas. Our destiny is one. The history of the A.N.C. and P.A.C. bears this out. It is also not true that all of us have only been thrust into leadership at this level by 'Homelands politics'. Some of us would have been, 'Homelands' or no 'Homelands' (Remember the copy of Dr. Seme's letter to Professor Mathews you sent me.) I would also think when about 20,000 people attend my meetings in Soweto, and thousands others in the Orange Free State in March and elsewhere, I do not think that it is on account of what the White press tells them, I am one of their leaders. I think whether the press 'signalled' this or not, this would have been largely the case.

The Transkei is certainly moving towards some kind of "independence". We are most unhappy about this and there appears to be no consultation with the people of the Transkei on whether they should break away at this point in time.

We will join you in your great work.

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I do look forward to seeing you colleagues, Mr. Patrick O'Meara
We both send our love. Affectionately