

17, Battery Crescent,

SEA POINT.

23rd January 1965

Dear Benji,

My apologies first of all for not answering your letters as promptly or as often as I should, but I have only just got over one of the busiest and most tiring periods I have endured in the past four or five years. As far as I know your request about R.S. was handled by D & A; when I received it I was not able to tackle anything and so urged them to what they could.

A few days before receiving your latest letter I heard from ~~Tom~~ Tom's wife and immediately wondered if we could do anything to help. As you say, there are so few left that an increasing burden falls on them. I understand that several people here have learnt that Tom is under restriction and that some help has been sent. The problem, however, is that so many are already committed to helping out with local cases that it would not be realistic to consider regular contributions. I have, however, written to Mrs. Ngwenya asking her to let me know what we can do from here. What I would like to know are her monthly needs and, with that information, might be able to have something organised.

In the meantime I shall call at the optician's for the prescription and to save time and trouble for you will post it direct to Mrs. Ngwenya.

Sorry to hear you may not be in Cape Town for quite a while. I missed you over the holiday period when I climbed the mountain several times. The exercise did me good though and I am now ready to resume the struggle for another year.

Yours sincerely,



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