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Dear Bob,

Mr Gandar was recently in the US, as you might know. Before he left I gave him your address and urged him to make a point of seeing you. I saw that your office address was the same as that of the Society for Human Rights (correct name?), the organisation which had invited him over to receive one of their awards. When Mr Gandar returned, he told me that he had told the secretary of the society that he was anxious to see you and he understood you were in the same building. The secretary immediately undertook to contact you. When Mr Gandar got there he was given a message that you were busy and would try to see him, but there was no further contact from you. Mr Gandar was disappointed at not having been able to see you. I did not know whether I should write to you about this, but I consulted Fred van Wyk who urged me to write to you as he was sure that there had been a misunderstanding somewhere down the line.

I recently wrote to the Taylors, and if you should ever see them I would be most grateful if you could ask whether my bulky letter reached them safely.

Can I again importune you on behalf of our friend? Some massive expenses are looming up during the next few months, and I hesitate to write again to Charlotte. They have been tremendously generous, as you know, and I feel ashamed of having to write continually to them. For that matter, I feel the same about writing to you, and only do so because I hope that you can pass on this plea to some other person of good will. The wife has to go to Cape Town next month for a three week visit, and the four children will be with her. I have raised the cash for the train tickets locally, and will have to add the expenses of bedding, meals, etc en route. I have found someone to cover the cost of her hotel, but am short for the children. Then early in the New Year there is the school fees for the children, books and clothing. I feel ashamed at having to write to ask for help because this is something which we should be able to do in this country. Unfortunately, there is a limited number of people here to whom one can turn and I have milked them as hard as possible already! I have organised Xmas gifts for everyone locally so this is ~~not~~ one small expense which has been saved. Please forgive me for again turning to you with this plea.

All quiet here. I am leaving for Cape Town on December 28 on holiday, and will be there until January 15.

In case you wish to reach me in that period, my address will be: 4 Firmount Road, Sea Point, Cape Town.

I trust that you are keeping well, and enjoying your new work. My very good wishes to you and your family for Xmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

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