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My dear Benje,

I am not writing because I have some great news that will not keep. As you know my wife and the kids haven't arrived yet so I can't entertain you to even a bit of psycho-analysis I am writing, really, because I want my first letter in the New Year to be for you.

As usual, I have to say "Thank you" for kindnesses done. My wife has told me a little of what you've done for them and with no doubt have plenty to add when we meet. I know you are happy to do so much for me and mine and do not wish to be thanked for it. But I am an African, Benje, and one

thing we can do is to say "Thank you". And at my home I was taught to say "thank you" whenever the opportunity offered.

So, speaking to one African to another permit me to thank you for:-

(a) the books I had a real hooker among on New Year's day I played wargames to them and enjoyed them immensely. I realize that you young fellows are trying to "modernize" me and I believe you are succeeding. It was a pleasure to hear Muriam again. She bowled me over the very first time I heard her and I have been her fan ever since. The prizes were marvellous. It was a real musical extravaganza. Yessuh!

(b) the books

I went into the Sino-Soviet dispute book and all and was quizzingly antagonistic and highly amused in quick succession. There's no doubt about it, these boys are experts in their field, and it was intellectually stimulating to follow their discussions and papers. I enjoyed Legumin's article (paper) in spite of

of her various ego paths  
haven't met you with the  
"convergence" yet but the little I have  
read convinces me that your researches  
must be published, single even if you  
are to draw the conclusion that there  
is no unmistakable evidence of overt  
Communist activity, the bare, unadorned  
facts will make interesting reading I  
am certain.

I have been thinking of leaving  
de la Cruz rather a lot of late, remembering  
how at times we despaired of countering  
Communist propaganda against the U.S.A.  
"Bill and Anne have once more  
sent me a lovely Christmas gift. As I  
say, you young people are trying to  
mislead me I don't even know the  
name of the article. It is a kind of  
cravat. I'll have to ask my wife to  
show me how it is worn.

I have made heavy demands  
on your piece of late, single, I  
know. But whatever you feel about it, I  
am sorry but I hope the pressure will

case this year. You should have received the booklets by now, the distances are continuing to narrow but History Hall has now effected some changes in the dispatch dates to make the spacing between volumes conform to my desire to write in 1968.

Just before the end of the year, Eg. Wellington wrote to say he was looking forward to meeting my wife and the children I hope they meet. Mrs. Margaret has been making inquiries about them, too.

And how did you and Jimmy spend the New Year? By the way I think it's time you bought a home in the prob. suburbs, with a heated swimming pool etc. etc., so that at week ends I can have somewhere to luxuriate!

Well Genie, may the Holy Son of David make His face to shine upon you and give you and yours peace. Use for you, 1966, look out, here we come. Love notes  
with love?

Yours very sincerely,  
D-B.

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