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Dear Alan,

The enclosed documents from Inland Revenue, having made the long journey out here, are now making the long journey back. I'm a little more organised than I was earlier on, or, rather, more adapted to the way things are done here. In general I'm enjoying my work enormously, and also just being here, but the combination of an inherited colonial bureaucracy with the sudden evacuation of most of the bureaucrats makes some aspects of life pretty difficult, especially things like foreign exchange - remittance abroad. I don't have a car or a telephone, public transport is being overhauled & in the meantime I walk everywhere; I have no secretarial assistance at work, since my Portuguese is pretty weak, and in any event the typists spend all their time typing documents. Some 'cooperantes' as we are called - much nicer than expatriates - buckle under the strain. Maputo is in fact a very lovely city, with a large beautiful modern sector. Its services operate very well - not only light & water, but rubbish collecting and tree-trimming. In fact the avenues and parks are tended with superb care. I do a vast amount of walking, which keeps me fit and enables me to meet lots of other people also doing a vast amount