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4th August 1982, 10.18 a.m.

Mr. Budger Davidson,
Black Protest Committee,
GPO Box 786,
Brisbane, Q., 4001.

Dear Budger,

Gary Foley has asked me to act on his behalf to investigate activities of the Black Protest Committee in co-ordinating the proposed demonstrations at the Commonwealth Games.

As you know, Blacks are planning to mobilise throughout Australia to demonstrate not only against the Queensland Government and its treatment of Aborigines but the Australian society as a whole in its treatment of Aborigines. The operative word here is DEMONSTRATE. I have been instructed by Gary that cultural activities, etc. are not their prime concern. Their prime concern is preparing logistically for the substantial influx of Black people. They want to be sure that there is accommodation, food and communications set up to cope adequately in a situation that can only be described as tense and that could very quickly get out of hand if these problems are not taken care of. Although money is available it is essential that priority is given to those logistical problems. The money is not NAIHO money; NAIHO does not have funds for this. Gary also mentioned that James Taylor had been approaching Sydney Australian Council of Churches for funding to the tune of \$ 8,000 to pay for a venue. Gary has indicated to me that that is just not on.

I have been trying to contact you for the past couple of days in order to find out the real position with regards to the Black Protest Committee and I am especially concerned and will be trying further today to ascertain what the Black Protest Committee's actual programme is. Gary has received no information from the Black Protest Committee as to its programme. He is completely in the dark and so am I. I am writing this letter in the event that I do not make contact with you.

Gary has also stressed that time is of the essence and I agree with him. Could you please contact me urgently - immediately you receive this letter on 075-499169 or 369 6072.

Your brother in the struggle,

Denis B. Walker,
National Co-ordinator.

cc: G. Foley