

18th December, 1970.

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The Honourable the Minister of the Interior,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

I act for Mr. Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe of 6 Naledi Street, Galashewa Village, Kimberley.

My client applied to the Secretary for the Interior for the issue to him of a departure permit in terms of Section 5 of the Departure from the Union Regulation Act 1955 (Act No.34 of 1955) and has informed the Secretary for the Interior that he intends to leave the Republic of South Africa permanently.

The Secretary for the Interior has informed my client that he requires documentary proof that he is no longer restricted to the Magisterial district of Kimberley and that under no circumstances would he consider my client's application without certain documents requested in paragraph 2 of the letter dated 3rd June 1970 from the Secretary to my client.

My client thereafter approached the Secretary for Justice to relax the restriction confining my client to the magisterial district of Kimberley but this application was refused by the Minister of Justice.

My client thereupon wrote to the Secretary for the Interior on the 24th August 1970, in which letter he stated that he was entitled to have his application for a departure permit considered by him, and the Secretary was required by him to give a decision on his application. The Secretary was requested to furnish his advice to my client within 10 days of the date of that letter.

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On the 10th September 1970 the Secretary wrote to my client that the matter was receiving attention and that a further communication would be sent as soon as circumstances permit. No further communication has been received by my client.

By reason of the attitude of the Secretary as expressed in his letter of the 3rd June 1970 and his failure to communicate further with my client, my client considers that the Secretary has refused to issue such departure permit.

... I enclose herewith copy of letter from the American Consul General addressed to the Secretary for the Interior to the effect that the Consulate General is prepared to issue visas for permanent residence in the United States of America to my client and his family. My client intends to depart with his wife and family from the Republic of South Africa permanently and to avail himself of the offer of permanent residence in the United States of America.

In terms of Section 5(ii) of the aforesaid Act, I hereby appeal to you on behalf of my client against such refusal on the part of the Secretary. I shall be pleased to receive your decision in this matter by not later than the 20th January 1971.

Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND TUCKER.

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