

6 Bishopcourt Road,  
Newlands.  
11th August, 1963.

Dear Benjamin,

Thank you for your letter of 23rd July and for the copies of certificates enclosed.

I have seen the Chief Magistrate, Mr. Silman and he has agreed to give the necessary visitors permit to Mrs. Sobukwe. He says she must write direct to him and ask him to send the permit to me. Then when she arrives in Cape Town, if the Magistrate's Office is closed, it will not matter as I will have it and she will be able to take the boat to the Island in the Morning.

I asked for permission to visit myself - but refused.

I shall almost certainly be able to arrange accommodation at an Hotel nearer town this time and will be able to go so as soon as you give me the word. I think that for all sorts of reasons it is best for the party to stay together and at an hotel where they are quite independent.

Meanwhile I shall continue trying to find suitable employment. Has any official approach been made in this connection?

I suggest that I be sent a copy of the letter to the Chief Magistrate, Mr. Silman, so that I know when to watch out for the permit and to make enquiries if it does not reach me by the Friday. Please do not forget to mention in the letter the reason for wanting the permit to be sent here viz that Mr. Sobukwe will be likely to arrive after the Magistrate's Office is closed.

Glad to help people in distress.  
Sincerely,

*Esther Stott*

*P.S. Terribly busy fighting municipal election. Hold Thomas, please.*

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