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CAPE TOWN

My dear Bob,

I was happy to have the chance of seeing you again, and to find you in such good health and spirits. I am deeply grateful to you for your assistance with my research. Quite apart from the detailed and authoritative background to events which you gave me, I found our general discussions stimulating and of tremendous value in gaining perspective. I can only repeat the assurance I gave you: the study will be as objective and balanced as any human-being can make it.

I saw your wife soon after my return and can report that she is keeping well. She also assured me that she was not in need of anything! She told me that the application for an exit permit has already been sent to the Minister of the Interior. She is posting your spectacles to you as requested.

Enclosed please find a clipping from the "Rand Daily Mail" of January 21. As you will see, the story was considered too long and was therefore reduced in length. Because of typographical errors - the basis of my existence - parts of it are nearly incomprehensible.

I am also returning to you the lists of books for your studies which you lent me. You need not worry about getting the books - I have been able to arrange for them and they should start reaching you shortly.

Recalling that, in May last year, the Minister of Justice announced that you would be able to receive visitors weekly, I wonder whether we could perhaps arrange for University of Cape Town lecturers in your various fields of study, to visit you regularly. A couple of

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hours discussion now and again with lecturers in economics, British Government, Public International Law, etc., would certainly, I think, be of immense value to you in doing your correspondence courses, which otherwise could be dry and barren. If you consider this idea worth pursuing, it might be best to approach the jail authorities first and ask whether they would be agreeable to allowing a selected panel of UCT lecturers to visit you.

Incidentally, due to unforeseen ^{ey} circumstances, I have had to change my plans for visiting Cape Town. Instead of coming on February 4, I shall be there on March 4. All being well, I hope to see you then. I suggest you keep the notes you are working on for me until then. The month's delay will not affect me.

In the meantime, I have sent you, per passenger train, a batch of books for leisure time reading.

All for now, Bob. Look after yourself and let me know if there is anything you need.

Astrid sends her very best wishes,

Sincerely,

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