

Moroka Clinic,

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Johannesburg.

15th April, 1965

Hon Mrs Helen Suzman,
House of Assembly,
Cape Town.

Re My husband, Mangaliso Robert Sobukwe

Dear Mrs Suzman,

I write this letter to you in your triple capacity as a woman, a mother and a parliamentarian of outstanding competence, whose integrity is unimpeachable and one who has made a name for herself as an untiring champion of liberty and justice for all men irrespective of race, colour or creed.

It is not my intention to go into the aspects of my husband's present position as this is well known to you, what I am writing to you about is to make certain requests concerning his future in Robben Island.

As you well know, the question of my husband's detention comes up for yearly review in May and I wish to ask you to ask certain questions about him in Parliament.

First, how long it is intended to keep him on the island, and whether, in view of his conduct and his health, it would not be possible to transfer him to a place of detention on the main land.

Second, what the state of his health is and if it could be possible to arrange for regular visits by an independent doctor and reports submitted to the authorities and to his family.

I am aware of the prevailing atmosphere and that this stand will call for courage but I feel that this would be a humanitarian act of the highest order and I have confidence that you will not let me down at this time of hardships.

and trials for me and my children.
Please accept the considerations
of my highest confidence

Yours faithfully,
Veronica Lubkew

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