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Dear Miss Tracey,

Bob Sobukwe has written to me from Robben Island to tell me that he had received a most kind letter from you. He said he had replied, but asked me to write to you in regard to your offer of help, made on behalf of yourself and friends. He and I are very close friends of many years' standing, and I handle most of the practical arrangements for his welfare and for that of his family.

If you are able to get together books it would be greatly appreciated. He has catholic tastes, so you send as wide a variety as you please. But books on political subjects should not be sent. You can send the books to him by sea mail addressed to: Mr Robert M. Sobukwe, c/o Officer Commanding, Robben Island Gaol, Robben Island, via Cape Town. It would be helpful, if it is not too inconvenient to you, to send me a list of whatever books you send, so that I can ensure that they are delivered to him. The books need not necessarily be new ones, and they can be paperbacks. He is a voracious reader, so books are constantly needed.

I do not know how much money you and your friends might have available, but if any is, it could be put to good use for Mr Sobukwe. Until now, we have met his clothing requirements by his sending me lists of what he needs and I make the purchases and post them off to him. We are at present going into the question of him having his own bank account, into which regular amounts would be paid each month, of about £5 a time. He could then order clothing from a firm of outfitters in Cape Town and settle by cheque. I hope I am not being presumptuous in asking about this: I am writing this letter to you "blind", so do please forgive me if I go too far.

If you have any other suggestions, I would be most happy to hear about them.

Your interest in Mr Sobukwe is much appreciated, I assure you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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