

6 Naledi Street,
Galesheve,
Kimberley,
23rd May, 1969.

My dear Benjie,

I promised to write to you as often as possible. I have not yet been able to phone you as I am not yet familiar with the terrain - the position of public telephones etc. In fact I still know a limited part of town. My legs are not strong enough yet to cover the distances I should like to cover.

In your last letter to me on Robben Island you wondered whether the tailor had enclosed your white shirt among the trousers. He did not. Let him explain.

I wrote to Eulalie asking her to cancel delivery of the Cape papers as I had left the Island. But they have been very decent: forwarding the papers to Kimberley via the S.A.P., who have co-operated by having them delivered.

Your case appears to be quite a marathon. Unfortunately, the other papers do not carry as full a report as does the R.D.M. I am very interested in it, naturally, and would like to follow the summing up by the prosecution and defending counsel as closely as possible. Fortunately, though, Jhbg papers are obtainable here the same day.

There is a matter on which I should like your help. A niece of mine, my brother's daughter, is doing matric this year. She had a fall (was pregnant) two years ago while doing J.C. and I persuaded her to continue her studies, promising to see to it that she went to Fort Hare. You know my position, financially. Do you think you could rake up a bursary for her for next year? I know that your hands are full and I would not like to add to your burden, but you're the only one I can appeal to.

In spite/2.....

In spite of what the "Post" says, the house is still unfurnished and no curtains hang on the windows. Veronica will be getting the latter in Joh'burg, as I told you.

Veronica has been offered a post at the local Isolation hospital. I wired her yesterday, as they wanted her to start on the 1st June. I told them, though, that that would be impossible as she feels obliged to serve a full month's notice with the Jhbg City Council and also wants to have enough time to do her packing.

Best wishes, old chap. Love to Jenny.

Yours affectionately,

Bob.

P.S. Veronica tells me you want to buy me a Dressing Gown. I'll get that myself. But could you, instead, get me a wrist-watch? I'll need one when I start work. Thanks. Bob.

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