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Dear Tom

It was kind of you to send me the copy of your review of my Sobukwe book for Transformation. And yes, you guessed right: it does please me rather more than the Ann Harries effort.

I am tremendously appreciative of the thought, never mind the time, which you put into the review. Naturally I am delighted that you have written in such pleasant terms about the book; but even more, I thank you for your views and criticisms. A couple of small (and valid) points you mention arose because of cuts required by the publisher, whose patience about the length did have its limits (about 15,000 words came out). But this is a minor note to make for, overall, you have filled in gaps left by my own emotional and intellectual deficiencies in writing a book about someone whom I loved so much. Your assessments gave me insights into him and his movement, and I thank you for that.

I am going to Johannesburg tonight, for a week's visit for The Independent, where I am currently on the foreign desk (but keen to get out of newspapers). While there I want to check with people at Wits about perhaps writing up some of my notes from my early reporting days, for example, the last pre-banning ANC conference in December 1959. It might provide useful information for scholars.

I haven't been in New York for ages. but might just be there in March. If it happens I'll call you. Otherwise, if you come to London please let me know: it would be good to talk.

Hope you are enjoying what you are doing.

Warmest good wishes

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