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Dear Dr Wachman,

I do not know if you will remember me; we had lunch together when you visited Johannesburg last year. You might possibly recall that I told you that I attended to the needs of Robert Sobukwe, as well as raising money to look after his wife and children, including the payment of the children's school fees.

In regard to Bob Sobukwe himself, Parliament has just passed an Act which will mean his detention on Robben Island for at least a further year. Bob is continuing his studies, and it is on this score that I am writing to you. He is doing a Bachelor of Economics degree by correspondence with London University. He did well in his first year (last year) and passed all this courses. Now books are needed for his second year. There are problems about borrowing books from libraries so I have set out to raise all the books he requires. I have already made arrangements for about 35 books, but there are another 15 which I do not yet have. I am taking the liberty of writing to you because of the special interest which your University has shown in Bob, and in the hope that you might be able to pass on this letter to someone who would be willing to purchase the books for Bob. The books need not be new — just as long as they are readable.

If it is possible to get a gift of the books, they could be sent either direct to Bob (care of Officer Commanding, Robben Island Gaol, Robben Island, via Cape Town), or to me for sending on. In either event, I would be grateful if I could be advised about what happens, so that I can keep a check on the books reaching him. I am setting out a list of the required books at the end of this letter; as you will see, they deal with American history and economics, both subjects being studied by Bob.

I do hope you will not mind my writing to you about this, and that it will be possible to do something about it.

Yours sincerely,

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- C. McIlwain: Growth of political thought in the West (Macmillan)
- E.C. Kirkland: A history of American economic life (Appleton)
- C.A. Beard: An economic interpretation of the constitution of the United States (Macmillan)

- ✓ P.J. Turner: The frontier in American history (Holt)
- ✓ G.K. Taylor: The Turner thesis concerning the role of the frontier in American history (Heath)
- ✓ Adam Smith: The Wealth of Nations (Dent or Everymans Library)
- ✓ H. See: Modern Capitalism: its origin and evolution
- ✓ Robson: Nationalised industry and public ownership (Allen and Unwin)
- ✓ Lewis: Economic survey, 1919-1939 (Allen and Unwin)
- ✓ Robinson: Structure of competitive industry (Nisbet)
- ✓ D.E. Clark: The West in American history (Crowell)
- ✓ J.G. Randall: The civil war and reconstruction (Heath) (Donald)
- ✓ L.M. Hacker: Short history of the New Deal (Crofts)
- ✓ ~~Morrison and Commager: Growth of the American Republic (2 vols) (OUP)~~
- ✓ Thistlethwaite: The Great Experiment (OUP)

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