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Mrs Helen Suzman, M.P.,
House of Assembly,
Parliament Street,
CAPE TOWN.

My dear Helen,

Please forgive this miserable paper and the miserable typewriter — all that I have available in the Express subs room.

I was glad to have the chance of seeing you at the start of the week, and to be able to talk to you about Bob's situation. I felt clearer in my mind about the course to follow when I saw him.

He and I spent the best part of three days together, and it was good to see him. On the whole he is in good shape — except for the references to the machine, which he describes with utter lucidity. The trouble is, what with bugging mechanisms and suchlike, I could not lightly dismiss his allegations. I checked the terms of his banning orders, and it seems that there is no difficulty about medical practitioners visiting him. I checked this point with the local Security man and he confirmed it; I also spoke to the local (municipal) Bantu Administration man, and he says he will ~~not~~ issue permits to allow doctors from Johannesburg to visit Bob. I shall be arranging for a physician and a psychiatrist to go down. So in regard to the issue of obtaining permission for doctors to visit him there is no need for any action at this stage.

The next step will ^{depend} on what the psychiatrist recommends. I hope that I shall be able to arrange for someone to visit him within the next two weeks at the utmost, and we should know the position after that. Can I come back to you about this when this information is available?

In regard to employment, Bob plans to enter into attorney's articles with a local African attorney. The police know about this and seem to be happy about it. The question of receiving financial aid during the period of articles is, however, a tricky point, and Bob has now written to the magistrate to obtain clarification. Failing this avenue, he would be interested in any job of reasonable status and pay with the Beers. He does not like the idea of a job with the Kimberley Bantu Administration people, and I agree fully with this.

If you have the time when you return here, I shall be glad to give you a fuller picture of what's going on.

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