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MRS. SOBUKWE

Sobukwe's wife asks P.M.: Free my husband

Staff Reporter

MRS. VERONICA SOBUKWE has appealed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Vorster, for the release from Robben Island of her husband, Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, who is approaching the end of his fourth year of detention without trial.

She has asked Mr. Vorster to grant her a personal interview to discuss her husband's case.

His wife says in her letter to Mr. Vorster that she is appealing to him because she does not know whether responsibility for her husband still rests with him or the new Minister of Justice.

Mrs. Sobukwe says she is convinced that Mr. Vorster is as aware as she is of her husband's state of health, "which is deteriorating."

"If he should get worse I shall blame myself for having made no effort to help him back to health," she adds.

"That is why I am prompted to ask you once more to allow him out, even if it means giving an exit permit to go abroad."

Mrs. Sobukwe is a Soweto, Johannesburg, midwife. She has four children.

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