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6th August 1964.

My dear Benjie,

I am sorry I delayed my reply so much. But as you no doubt realize your news stunned me and I was hoping that my wife would be able to enlighten me so that I should know what unsolicited advice to give. Unfortunately she is as ignorant as I am of the circumstances surrounding the case. I can, therefore, only stupidly but sincerely advise, Benjie, that you do not allow your pride to make a reconciliation impossible. Please remember the long rough road you two have travelled together and then forget and forgive whatever wrongs you think you have suffered. So much for that.

My wife is around, Benjie and thank you for making it possible for her to come.

The tobacco supplies are coming in regularly with books and records. Also, I have received all the books pertaining to my studies, except books on Social Philosophy. Not one on this list has arrived. If it is because they are unobtainable, then don't worry, Benjie. The prescribed textbooks will do.

Thanks for news about Prof Matthews. He's right, he did give me some such advice.

Yes, I enjoyed the Hoover Institute books and will be happy indeed to get more.

I was surprised to learn you found my letter reflecting a mood of depression. I probably wrote it on a day I wasn't feeling too bright. But you can rest assured depression is not my regular mood.

I haven't received "The Observer" yet. But since so much trouble appears to be involved I don't think you should bother about it further.

Incidentally, I have just read Gordon Winter's report on the interview he had with me in Pretoria Prison in October 1962. It was my first contact with it and I found it an outstanding piece of imaginative writing.

I am glad you found my *(remains of letter ~~unreadable~~  
not available)*.

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