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Mr. B. J. Vorster,
The Hon. the Minister of Justice,
House of Assembly,
CAPE TOWN

Dear Sir,

I have been advised by Security Police Headquarters in Pretoria that a request made by me to visit Mr. Robert Sobukwe on Robben Island has been refused.

While I realize that permission to visit Mr. Sobukwe is entirely within your discretion, I write to ask whether it is possible to reconsider the refusal, or else to advise me of the reasons for the refusal.

During last year, I was given permission to see Mr. Sobukwe on six occasions. The first visit was for the purpose of conducting a newspaper interview, but the others were to enable me to interview Mr. Sobukwe for the private research on which I am engaged, and to see him as a friend.

I did not make use of these later visits for newspaper purposes. Although I am at present again a full-time member of the "Rand Daily Mail", my aim in seeking to see Mr. Sobukwe now is purely private in that I am a friend of his. There is no question of my attempting to make use of any opportunity I may have of seeing him for newspaper purposes.

Your kindness in allowing me access last year to Mr. Sobukwe was greatly appreciated by both him and me. I trust that you will find it possible to reconsider your refusal.

Yours faithfully,

BENJAMIN POGRUND

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