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19th May, 1969.

My dear Benjie,

Your welcome and welcoming letter arrived this morning and Veronica and I read with joy. She arrived on Thursday afternoon, brought over by Dr Ribeiro, her brother-in-law from Pretoria and is returning to Joh'burg tonight. She hopes to see you on Wednesday, if her health permits. She has a very severe cold at the moment.

As I said in my telegram I am, of course, very anxious to meet you. There is so much we have to say to each other; and also I need your advice on a number of matters.

My banning order confines me to my house between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. every day, Saturdays and Public Holidays INCLUDED. So we can have a full day any day you choose to come. You will, of course, not be allowed into the location, but we can meet anywhere in town - in fact, anywhere in the Kimberley district.

Thank you for news about Jenny. I look forward to meeting her. Unfortunately we won't be able to be all three together at one time as that constitutes a gathering in terms of the act.

I have no telephone here and I haven't found my way around yet. But as soon as I find my land-legs I shall phone you. In the meantime I shall write often, if only to convince myself that my letters can reach you before fourteen days!

Your letter/2.....

Your letter of 27th April I haven't received yet nor have the books reached me yet. But your telegram of congratulations I received with delight. Mualie and the Marquards also sent me congratulatory telegrams. Your letter telegram of May I haven't received either. I am glad Ernie received my letter. If you can come over then he need not come until the two of us have met. I was not hysterical when I wrote the letter. The little that Veronica will be able to tell you will show that I had cause to write the letter. And I am still of the same mind.

The immediate problems, of course, concern employment and the furnishing of the house. Veronica will be coming over to join me as soon as the Joh'burg municipality can release her. She'll be shopping for curtains, out there. We do not know yet whether to purchase the rest of the furniture here or out there. We will continue to use our old Dining Room Suite, but the rest we will have to buy.

There is no screaming hurry and we can discuss these matters and others when we meet.

Your piece, on the Paradox was brought me by Veronica and I enjoyed it, Benjie, immensely. The facts are correct, except for the part where you write about the unwillingness of the Methodist clergy to visit me on the Island. Perhaps it would have been kinder to say they were unable, to start with, and then that I later stopped the visits. It is Christianity per se, as I have told you before now, that I cannot accept. And I don't think I'll even accept it, even if I attend services regularly.

My mother-in-law was here yesterday, together with one of my sisters-in-law. We had a lovely afternoon together.

Unfortunately I keep thinking I am in Pretoria and that I am, therefore, within driving distance of Joh'burg.

Quite a few people have already tried to make me feel welcome, and I am grateful. I am quite certian things will work out well. God has been too good to me, Benjie, to leave his promises unfulfilled. I have no anxiety on that score.

Well, Sir, that's all for today. I wish you success in the case facing you and peace and joy in the days ahead.

Love to Jenny.

Yours affectionately,

Bob.

P.S. I haven't received the later batch of books. I am writing to Robben Island to ask them to forward all my mail.

Do you think you could arrange for the Joh'burg Dailies to be delivered here? The Sunday Times subscription expires in September: so what you need see about now are the R.D.M. and The Star.

Shalom.

Bob.

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