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Mr Robert M. Sobukwe,
a/o Officer Commanding,
Robben Island Gaol,
ROBBEN ISLAND,
via Cape Town.

My dear Bob,

Your letter of March 2 reached me on Friday. I am sorry that I opposed your wishes, and have upset you, by writing to the Minister of Justice about your state of health. When your wife and I discussed the matter, we realised that it would probably be contrary to your desires for such a letter to be sent. But we decided that it should be done. The only excuse I can offer is the deep concern which your wife and I have about you.

In my last letter, of March 23, I detailed the dates of the letters I had sent you and those received from you. Your latest letter gives information of letters which I just did not receive, namely, your letters of October 13 and 21, and November 29. In regard to my letter of December 7, which you did not get, I have found a copy of it and am enclosing it with this letter.

This morning I sent off to you per passenger train the carton of books which I detailed in my letter of March 23. To enable you to take delivery, I am enclosing the railways consignment note.

I am, at the moment, reading Howard Fast's "Spartacus", and have rarely been excited so much by a book as I am by this one. Some of the writing, I find, is a bit "unstylish", with clumsy sentence construction which tends to jar. But the presentation of ideas is readable and profound while the story itself unfolds on a gigantic scale. Let me know if you haven't read the book and I shall gladly send you a copy.

Jenny is as lovely as ever, and as proof of this, I am enclosing a picture I took of her recently. I continue to see as much of her as possible, despite Astrid's constant attempts to whittle down my access. We see each other every Saturday afternoon, every second Sunday for the day, and three times during the week, when I fetch her during lunch-time. Of course, she knows about her Daddy's friend, "Uncle Bob", and whenever I tell her about you, she wants to know when you are coming to see her. So both of you have something to look forward to!

I have noted that you already have "The Growth of the American Republic", and will try to stop another set being sent to you. Have any of your study books reached you yet? Please let me have a list as the books arrive so that I can keep a che on it.

As always, you are much in my thoughts and in my prayers.

God bless you,

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