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Dear Ambassador,

My apologies for taking so long to write but, as you will appreciate, life has been somewhat busy here since I returned. It's much quieter now but I doubt that this will remain so for long.

I do want to express my very great thanks to you for the help you gave in ensuring that Vice President Mondale granted me an interview. His statement has been of exceptional significance.

I am in near-daily contact with Bob Sobukwe and he has been responding to the radio-active therapy. It is a pity that, during the few days he was out of hospital the week before last, he was unable to stay with friends of his choice, but he was at least comfortable in a Holiday Inn. He is now due to be finally discharged from hospital at the end of this week and will be returning to Kimberley. I am hoping to go down to see him over the weekend of November 19.

His voice is still rather weak and it is because of this that he has been reluctant to receive a phone call from you. But you will know how much he is aware of and appreciates your concern. Veronica remains as steady and courageous as ever.

One of the tragedies of the recent bannings, by the way, is that two of the people concerned - the Rev Theo Kotze and the Rev David Russell - had become daily visitors to the hospital, praying with Bob. It meant an enormous amount to him. Now, of course, they are no longer allowed to have any contact with him.

With our general election almost upon us, it is probably not a good idea for me to seek the interview with you which we discussed until after November 30. I hope that after that, with some of the high emotion gone, I can approach you about the matter.

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It was a pleasure to see you in New York and I do hope that we meet again soon.

My best wishes, please, to your wife.

Sincerely,

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