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Dear Nana,

Some months ago I was delighted to receive regards from you from a friend of yours who was visiting South Africa. I have been meaning to write to you ever since, but the days and weeks have slipped by.

I have a difficulty about the friend of yours who came to see me -- I just cannot remember his name! I hope you know whom I am talking about as I want to beg your help in contacting him. When I saw him, he undertook to obtain for Bob Sobukwe a list of study books. As you might know, I attend to all Bob's needs on Robben Island and your friend happened to arrive just when Bob had written to me asking for a formidable list of books. Your friend said he would easily be able to obtain these books in the UK from friends; accordingly I handed him a list and asked him to let me know when the books were sent off to Bob. I have not heard from your friend and have now also had a letter from Bob, dated March 30, in which he says that the books have not yet reached him.

Is it possible to let me know urgently about this? If this friend has fallen down on the job, do you perhaps know someone else to whom I could send the list of needed books? Your help in this would be much appreciated.

Your friend gave me this present address to which I am writing. Unless you have any strong objection, I would prefer to write to you direct, under your own name. In making arrangements for Bob, I prefer to work in the open. In case your cover address is "blown", I would not like to give the appearance of acting surreptitiously. So will you let me have an address to which I could send future letters?

I would love to hear from you and to know more of what you have been doing. As you no doubt know, we have been heavily involved in the jails issue down here. It seems certain at this stage that both the Editor and I will be going to jail ourselves because of it.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. BENJAMIN FOGROUND

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