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JOHANNESBURG.

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Officer Commanding;  
Robben Island Gaol,  
Robben Island,  
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

A few weeks ago I arranged, through a firm of Johannesburg grocers, Thrupp and Co., for a parcel of food and Xmas decorations to be sent to Mr Robert Sobukwe. Thrupp and Co. have today advised me that the parcel has been returned to them marked, "Not allowed to receive any parcels containing eatables".

In view of the fact that Mr Sobukwe has previously regularly received food parcels; I thought I should write to you to inquire about the matter. Last Xmas I sent a similar parcel to Mr Sobukwe and he was allowed to receive it. For the past eighteen months or so he has been receiving regular parcels of fresh fruit as well as biscuits.

In these circumstances, I wonder whether you would be good enough to allow Mr Sobukwe to receive the Xmas food parcel which I had arranged for him? If you advise me that it is in order, I shall request Thrupp and Co. to arrange for immediate delivery of the parcel.

I trust that it will be possible for Mr Sobukwe to receive this Xmas gift.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

BENJAMIN POGRUND

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