

c/o 4 Firmount Road,
Sea Point,
Cape Town.

10th February, 1967.

The Chief Magistrate,
Room 52,
Magistrate's Courts,
Caledon Street,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Sir,

In a letter dated January 4, 1967, the Hon. the Minister of Justice and of Prisons advised me to apply to you for permission to visit Robert M. Sobukwe on Robben Island.

The reasons for my wishing to visit Mr Sobukwe are as follows:

1. Since his detention on the Island, I have supplied him with his entire clothing needs, bedding, study books, reading material, records and fresh fruit. Although I correspond with him, it is difficult to be certain from this method of communication, whether his needs are being fully met. I am therefore anxious to see him, so as to ascertain what his requirements are. Mr Sobukwe tends to be reluctant to ask for anything, and my experience has been that it is necessary for me to confront him personally to learn what he needs.

2. I have known Mr Sobukwe for many years. He became a friend of mine when he was a lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand and before his actual involvement in politics. I therefore have a natural interest in him and a desire to see him again.

I would like to stress that my visit to Mr Sobukwe will be entirely private. As I told the Hon. the Minister in my original letter to him, no publicity whatsoever will be given to my visit.

As you will know, I have been allowed to visit Mr Sobukwe on the Island on six occasions in the past.

I am presently in Cape Town for only a few days as my home is in Johannesburg. If convenient to you, I would like to be able to visit the Island on Thursday, February 16. If at all possible I would also like to have a visit on Monday February 20.

As arranged, I shall telephone your office on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning of next week in connection with this matter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

BENJAMIN POGRUND

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