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Mr. I.A. Maisels, Q.C.,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Mr. Maisels,

This communication is intended for the
Treason Trial Defence Team through you as leader.

You are now entering the last stage
of this mammoth and marathon case which no doubt is
destined to make legal history in South Africa. I
wish to merely express my deepest appreciation and
admiration for the way you and your team have given
yourself to this case and handling it most masterly
and devotedly.

Whatever the result, responsible
African opinion will always hold you in high esteem
and feel indebted to you for your magnificent perfor-
mance which has been a big challenge to the Crown and
the Government. What would have happened to us with-
out you ! I just wish humbly to express these
sentiments.

On a personal plane, I feel honoured
to have had the opportunity of knowing you all and
establishing bonds of personal contact and friendship.

Things being what they are in our land
you may find yourselves handling more and more political
cases, for we are determined to carry on our struggle
until victory is won.

I pray that your team may not be banned.
Speaking as a layman, I say it is a brilliant team that
would match any legal team anywhere. You and your
colleagues have virtually taught the Crown its case.

Best wishes to you all and greetings to
each one of you.

Tell Mr. Parkington, your energetic,
most alert and fiery instructing attorney, that I would
still like to face Mr. Trengove in the next political
case.

Yours most sincerely,

A.J. Lutuli.

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