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15th May, 1969.

Dearest Bob,

Welcome, welcome. It's not quite home, but it's a big step anyway! I was so pleased to get your telegram: it came yesterday but I didn't go to the office and only got it today. I want to see you too, and want to travel to Kimberley just as soon as possible. I thought of flying down today, just for the day, but then decided that your house arrest order probably applied to public holidays so it wouldn't have been any use. The big problem at the moment, Bob, is the wretched trial because it means I cannot get away during the week. Am I right in assuming that the house arrest applies also from lunch-time on Saturdays? That would make the weekends a bit of a wash-out also -- unless you especially want me to come down just for a Saturday morning. Otherwise, what I propose to do is to come down for a couple of days immediately the trial adjourns, which should be in about two weeks from now.

Can you telephone me in the meantime? Perhaps you could use a public fone somewhere and put through a reverse charge call to me? (Johannesburg 44.9030). The best time to reach me, if you can manage it, is before 9 a.m. I don't mind how much before that time you ring.

I haven't spoken to Veronica yet. I foned the clinic and left a message but I don't know if she received it. I'll try again tomorrow.

I saw Jenny this morning and she told me with sparkling eyes that she had seen in the newspaper that you had been released. She is eager to meet you, and I hope to be able to bring this about before not too long -- her mother allowing!

I wrote to you on April 27 and sent a telegram when the news came though about your release: I hope you received these. I also sent a batch of books at that time to tide you over, and I hope these arrived. Also, I was darned worried because of your letter of April 16 -- we were all terrified on your account, fearing the worst! -- and on May 3 I sent you another telegram. Brian received your letter of April 15 only on Monday this week and immediately telegraphed the Officer Commanding.

What do I do? Do I welcome you back to freedom? That would be silly! But what I can do is to wish you well out of what you were in!

I hope that we will soon be speaking on the fone and then seeing each other. And what do you need? You must tell me -- and while I think of it, you must not hesitate to put through a reverse charge call whenever you can and want to. I will be all the happier for it.

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