

August 12, 1977.

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr J.T. Kruger MP
The Hon the Minister of Justice,
Police and Prisons
216 Union Buildings
Church Street
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Dear Mr Kruger,

I enclose herewith copy of the medical report by Dr Bodo Koch which was prepared over the weekend so that Mr Robert Sobukwe could take it back with him to Kimberley. Although I am sending the report to you on a confidential basis I believe that it will be helpful for you to see it so that you have full understanding of Mr Sobukwe's condition.

In layman's language, as described to me by Dr Koch, what it means is that Mr Sobukwe is suffering from a weakening of the heart muscles caused by a bacterial infection. Had this not been diagnosed at this stage and treatment immediately instituted, the gravest possible consequences could have followed.

The treatment will now be carried out by a Kimberley doctor under Dr Koch's direction. Dr Koch would, however, like to be able to see Mr Sobukwe again at a later stage to check on his condition.

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It is against this background that I write to ask whether permission can be granted for Mr Sobukwe to travel to Johannesburg again and to stay at my home over the weekend of September 10/11, 1977 for the purpose of seeing Dr Koch. The reason for this early application is that I shall be overseas from approximately August 20 to September 7. If the application meets with your approval, it would be much appreciated if Mr Sobukwe could return on the Sunday 3.30 p.m. flight to Kimberley.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

BENJAMIN POGRUND

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