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Mrc Helen Suzman, M.P., House of Assembly, Parliament Street, CAPE TOWN.

I am afraid that that personal assurance you received about Bob Sobukwe was not an honest one, and there is cause for anxiety about his condition. I am going to see him as soon as the wretched trial is over, and will be travelling first to Cape Town. All being well, I hope to be there on Sunday, June 3, and will be leaving for Kimberley on the morning of Wednesday, June 11. Can I come in to see you on the Monday?

Itwould be best not to do anything about the matter until I have had a chance to explain it to you. The same might perhaps apply in case there are any other matters which you might be intending to raise about him.

Any chance of acking Harry Oppenheimer if he would give Bob a reasonable job with De Beers in Kimberley? I hate the thought of him having to work for any Bantu Affairs outfit, and perhaps De Beers, if so inclined, could offer him a post which would allow him to retain his self-respect. Despite his condition, he is, of course, able to work.

The trial, incredibly, is nearing an end. We had grabage flung at us by Liebenberg last week, but we are now enjoying ourselves immensely: Sidney is thundering away, and is quite magnificent.

All good winhes.

Sinderely.

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