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2, Buchan Road, Newlands, Cape 7700.

13th June, 1979.

Dear Peter,

I write in connection with Eddie Daniels, one time member of the Liberal Party of South Africa, who was convicted and sentenced in 1964 to 15 years imprisonment for participation in the African Resistance Movement.

Eddie, who is on Robben Island, will be released on November 16th, having served his 15-year sentence in full. I am now asking whether you will join in making a contribution towards a private fund I have started to help him resume life outside prison, bearing in mind the likelihood that he may be severely restricted in where he can go and what he can do.

Many of us who shared the same non-racial ideals and political views as Eddie Daniels were appalled at the situation he landed in eventually. To a great extent the desperate actions of many young people was created by their frustration at the immovability of the Apartheid system. I am hopeful that you will want to show friendship and compassion for Eddie, also respect and admiration for his achievements during the 15 years on Robben Island. He entered prison with a Std. 6 education and has earned two university degrees through correspondence study with the University of South Africa. All those who have come off the Island in recent years speak of Eddie with tremendous warmth and enthusiasm. His quiet and constant courage has won him the respect of all his fellow prisoners, and he has played a leading rôle in trying to improve conditions for all prisoners on the Island.

I have discussed with his brother, Mr. Norman Daniels, the creation of this fund for Eddie, and secured his agreement to my approaching people in this way. I ask you to dig deep into your pocket and make a considerable contribution, which I shall control under the supervision of Norman. You may send your contribution to me, or to a Savings account in my name, No. 04 964 635 00204, at the South African Permanent Building Society, Main Road, Claremont, Cape 7700. You may wish to make one payment, or regular contributions until the end of the year. I would also ask you to pass on the word to others who may have known Eddie, to see if they wish to contribute. I shall be sending out receipts, and will keep a list of individual donations and donor's initials. When I hand the total amount to Eddie I will send you a copy of the list.

I look forward to your response. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs. D.L.P. Cleminshaw