



24th July, 1972

The Hon. P.C. Pelser,
Minister of Justice & of Prisons,
Union Buildings,
PRETORIA.

Dear Sir,

MR. P.M. BROWN

Mr. P.M. Brown is a South African whose relations have lived in Natal for a very long time. His roots are in this Province and his loyalty is to our country. He was banned by your predecessor or even possibly his predecessor presumably because he was an active member of the Liberal Party. Although no reasons were ever officially given for his banning I believe his only conviction was for illegally addressing a meeting in Kokstad which, upon legal advice, he believed he was entitled to address,

He is a much younger man than I am and he is unaware that I am writing this letter. I have, however, for a long time wondered what could be done to free him from the fetters of this form of administrative punishment. I cannot believe that he would voluntarily agree to live indefinitely in this state of being cut off from normal gatherings of his friends and I am left with the assumption that he has now been forgotten by the authorities and may remain forgotten indefinitely. He is not given to asking favours and I imagine he may not have brought his own situation to the notice of the authorities.

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