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Dear Sir

I wonder if I may enlist your support. During the 1960's I was resident in South Africa and educated in the main at Alexandra High School. It was not until last year that I was able to return to South Africa (aged 34 and some 17 years on), and to the place that I have since long considered to be my home town of PMB. At Alexandra High School one of my colleagues and friends was a fellow by the name of Anton Brown. He was the son of the banned Liberal Peter Brown, a matter of which I was only vaguely aware at the time. As an aside Anton was a cripple and suffered from a slight speech impediment, but whereas in some boys this would have made him the sad butt of schoolboy humour, he impressed us with his tremendous enthusiasm, particularly for cricket. It was at a cricket match in Alexandra Park that he organised where I first noticed his father. On one side of the ground sat the families, including my own, and on the other this solitary man. I little suspected the significance at the time. Such is the ignorance of youth.

The purpose of this letter is to enquire if you can provide the address of Anton Brown, failing this, his family. For most people this would be an absurd and ridiculous request, but Peter Brown was well known to say the least, and I therefore thought you might be able to help. If the information is not at your disposal, then perhaps you might be able to publish this letter in your paper - edited perhaps.

Perhaps I should explain briefly the reason for my request. Having spent the years of my youth in SA, I do regard myself as a South African, a point perhaps reinforced by my father's decision to take naturalisation on behalf of my brother and I, as well as himself. Since leaving, a factor caused by the break-up of my parents' marriage, I have maintained a residual interest in the affairs of South Africa. As I mentioned above, I recently returned and spent a month touring around the country. Recently I came across the most recent volume of Alan Paton's autobiography, in which Peter Brown is referred to frequently. I am anxious to retain some meaningful contact with someone in South Africa whose opinion can be respected, particularly in view of the considerable degree of exposure that South African affairs achieves in the British press. Much of this is polemical of course, but for one who cares, it is very often difficult to distinguish between fact and propaganda. I hope

that this brief explanation serves some purpose.

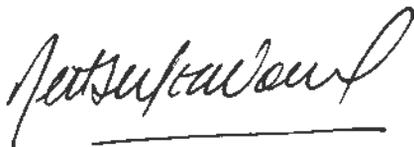
Whilst writing, perhaps I might add that I made a point of obtaining a copy of the Witness and was most most impressed by the quality of the paper. Operating in such constraints cannot be easy for the fourth estate! A feature I remember vividly was on the killings out at the areas near Edendale. My father incidentally worked at the hospital there, for a little while, as catering supervisor. If it is possible to subscribe at reasonable cost to the Witness, perhaps you could let me know.

I do trust that you will be able to assist in my request.

With best wishes,

I remain

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Peter Green". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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I have one last request, which is very trifling. I have little in the way of memorabilia from my days in Maritzburg. One of my pleasures was to support our football team of the same name, which went on to win the cup in '68, against the odds, beating the much fancied favourites Cape Town City, 2-1. Peter Green and Bobby Chalmers, the Rhodesian international, scored as I recall; the winning goal coming in extra time, the first time it had been played. If it is possible to have any facsimiles of your reports, I can assure I would be more than delighted. Those were most happy days.....