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Dear Peter,

You typed your letter to me by candle light I am typing my letter to you completely in the dark because I am not sure as to what is going on.

When I was released from prison I was anxious to expose the atrocities that took place in prison for two reasons 1: I had promised my fellow-prisoners that I would do so and 2: I wanted to strike a further blow against apartheid if I could. I therefore wrote a short report highlighting aspects prior to my arrest and up to my release. I made four copies of this report; one I sent to Randolph, another to Dot Cleminshaw a third I sent to my brother Norman and the fourth I kept for myself. Dot's copy (or perhaps another copy) circulated widely. I know it was read by Alan Paton - and I'm sure that you had read it as well.

The 'first edition' was poorly written and badly typed. I subsequently improved the grammar and rephrased one or two aspects of the report but left the content exactly as it was. When Randolph was here recently I gave him a copy of the 'new version'

Sheila Clare (formerly Robertson) also came to South Africa recently after being in exile for approximately the same length of time as Randolph was in exile. She came to say 'hello' and suggested that her sister-in-law, who is a qualified historian, be my ghost-writer when I write a book about my past experiences. Sheila said that she would approach Randolph with the suggestion that he arrange, if possible, the financing of the writing of the book. I'm not quite sure what financing is involved. I received a letter from Sheila recently in which she stated that she had contacted Randolph about her above suggestion. I have also received a letter from Randolph, subsequent to Sheila's letter, in which he made no mention about 'the book'. What is even more puzzling is that Ann Carson (Tobias) had written to Randolph about it. Thus, Peter, I'm not quite sure what is happening but time will clarify the picture.

Shortly after having been released from prison I submitted a copy of my little effort to David Phillips. He read through it and then told me That I should expand on its contents. Others have made the same suggestion to me. I have always been reluctant to do so because I could be offending organisations some of whose members behaved rather badly whilst in prison.

Enclosed is a copy of the report that I had written. The addendum is what I wrote especially for Mrs.Suzman as she wanted some ammunition to attack the government with. In addition there is a short article which Randolph wrote about me while I was still away.

Peter and Phoebe, Eleanor and I still owe you a tea (or perhaps something stronger). If ever you are in Cape Town again and if you wish to spend a few days in the Hout Bay area please let us know. We will be happy to accomodate you. Congratulations on the new format for Reality it is really eye-catching and the articles (and letters to the Editor) are very interesting. Cheerio and keep well. Love to you and Phoebe from Eleanor and myself.

Eddie.

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