

4th May, 1966.

The Secretary,
Bar Council,
CAPE TOWN.

Dear Nel,

I wish to report to the Bar Council that during my recent detention as a 180 day prisoner I was subjected to irregular procedures, the essence of which consisted of what I would term "no sleep torture".

I understand that a statement of mine containing fuller details in this connection has been used in proceedings pending in the Supreme Court which renders the matter to some extent sub-judice.

I do not wish to draw the Bar Council into that matter in any way or to ask the Council itself to make any finding in regard to the irregularities referred to above. What I would like, however, is for the Council to arrange for me to have an interview preferably with the Minister of Justice or alternatively with some senior member of the Department.

I feel that important questions involving the administration of justice in this country are involved and am hopeful that a quiet approach along administrative lines could prove of some value.

I undertake to keep the matter confidential should that be regarded as desirable (as would seem to be the case).

I would appreciate the matter being dealt with as a question of urgency as I plan to leave the country in the near future.

Yours sincerely,