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Dr. Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert

Dear Van,

thank you again for the relaxed and remarkable evening at your place, I enjoyed it tremendously. I was sorry not to be able to say thanks personally due to your cold, but I hope you are fully fit again. After your mention I fetched a copy of the last Time and was glad to see the Fugard article I had missed.

You gladly showed yourself prepared to write an article for the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung to be published on April 27. I have cleared that, in the meantime, with the newspaper as Helen Suzman unfortunately could not commit herself to the contribution.

We envisage an article of about 3 typed pages which I would translate. It should, hopefully, concentrate on more long term perspectives, from an "original approach" if possible. It is for a newly introduced column "foreign pens" as usually only F.A.Z.-journalists write for our political section. Possible approaches could be: What do the elections mean for South Africa? Which role will liberal elements play in a future S.A.? What will happen to the country/society after elections? Of course, that is only a proposal, the topic is up to you. I realize that in such a short space it is extremely difficult to answer any of these, or other, questions, but it shows you how big my trust in you is.

I would be glad if you manage to write it as soon as possible as the last days before elections an appropriate translation by me which you could, if you wish, still check, might become difficult. I look out to hearing from you.

*Best regards to you & your family,*

*Robert*

*P.S. I could not get the letter through by fax, and your office is closed, so I drop it by. pl.s. p.81 of my Fugard article!*

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