Gauteng workshops on legislative drafting

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Otherwise, all is well; Bob is recovering handsomely, and expects to be up to full steam in a month or so.

All the best.

As ever

[Signature]

Ann and Robert B. Seidman
15 April 1997

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Dear Ann and Bob

Thank you for your letter of April 14. I am very sorry that we only had a few minutes together. There was also a slight misunderstanding as I had expected you at about 17h30. However, it was good to have been able to meet with you. I have read the documentation which you gave me. I am definitely interested in a legislative drafting programme. However, we need to shape it according to our requirements.

I would be quite happy with your pursuing discussions with UNDP with a view to organising a programme in South Africa. I shall consider your letter a little bit more carefully and then give you an idea of the kind of programme which would suit our situation.

I shall write to you again shortly. I have already discussed the matter with Medard. I think that the September to December period may be a good time for the participation by four of our personnel in the September to December programme. That also will be finalised.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

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Minister of Justice