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Tokyo, 102 Japan April 30, 1991.

Dear Yoko Hayashi,

How lovely it is to receive a letter from Japan from a colleague actively concerned with the question of establishing democracy and respect for human rights in South Africa.

In reply to your questions:

1. The books which you might find interesting are;

at The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs, first published in 1966 and re-issued as a paperback in London last year by Collins;

11 Stephanie on Trial, Harvill Press, London, about 1969 (out of print);

11 Justice in South Africa, Heinemann, London 1973, and California University Press, Berkeley, 1974;

11 Sexism and the Law (Joan Hofwilson), Martin Robertson, London about 1978, Free Press, New York about 1979;

11 Island in Chains - with Indiles Naidoo, Penguin, London about 1983.

A good introduction to South African Constitutional Law as it stands today is, Boule I J, Harris B, Hoexter C - Constitutional and Administrative Law, 1989, Juta, Cape Town.

I am sending you the following:

8 Protecting Human Rights in a new South Africa;

11 The Soft Vengeance of a Freedom Fighter;

11 A Draft Bill of Rights for a New South Africa (ANC Constitutional Committee);

11 Constitutional Principles and Structures for a Democratic South Africa - (ANC Constitutional Committee)

it Who Owns South Africa - Aninka Claassensko

it A New City for a New South Africa.

2 - 5 My institute in London does accept students or visiting fellows but in very small numbers. However, you are very welcome to visit and I would be happy to arrange a short study programme for you on an informal basis. Most of the documentation you would want would be either at the Institute library or at the nearby Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. I am spending most of my time in South Africa now. I am honorary Professor at both the University of the Western Cape near Cape Town, and the University of Cape Town. My proposal is that you consider coming to the University of the Western Cape as a visiting fellow. I think you will find being in South Africa, in a strong anti-racist atmosphere and in touch with people working towards a new constitution, responds best to what you want. The academic boycott is no longer unqualified; progressive, anti-racist scholars are encouraged to liaise with colleagues in South Africa. I have no authority myself to invite you to UWC but I would be happy to support such a proposal.

6. We are about to end a series of workshops in South Africa on Constitutional questions, but I am sure we will be having more.

Yours sincerely

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On 7 April 1988 Albie Sachs was car-bombed in Maputo, capital of Mozambique, by agents of South Africa's security forces. He was on his way to the beach.

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Albie Sachs was born in South Africa in 1935\_ and studied law at the University of Cape Town. Between 1957 and 1966 he practised at the Bar in Cape Town and was heavily involved in civil rights work. After twice being detained by the Security Police he left for England, where he took a PhD at the University of Sussex and taught law at the University of Southampton. In 1977 he went to work as a professor of law and director of research in the newly independent state of Mozambique. In 1989 he taught at Columbia University in New York, and he is currently Director of the South Africa Constitution Studies Centre at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in London. I

He has written several books, both autobiographical and scholarly, on the theme of racism and the law in South Africa. David Edgar's stage adaptation of his book *The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs* (published in 1966, now reissued in Paladin paperback) was performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company; there were subsequent BBC television and radio productions.

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Ibie Sachs, lawyer and writer,  
' has been associated with the y  
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Albie Sachs is the author of several other books, including Jus-  
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