Charged yesterday.

Murder

In that Mrs. Rees has died. No date or place given. Nothing about manner of death. As result of my actions.

Think trial time and place given.

Sabotage in that caused explosing at Johannesburg Station.

Sabotage in that in possession of explosives. No place - quantity or type given.

Arrested at home 24.7.64 at about 11 p.m. Taken in bed. Saw two police at door - Lieut. Muller the senior. Later saw one outside. They said 90 days. In car they asked if I had heard what had happened at station. I said I had.

They took nothing away then from house.

In questioning I gathered certain things removed later.

They said typewriters removed - and documents. Showed me documents (photostats). Did not suggest they'd removed more.

Detained until yesterday.

After arrest taken first to Greys. There about an hour. Questioned.

Brought here Pretoria Caol. Been here since. Been taken out for questioning etc.

I've made about five statements. One main one and lesser ones to the police during interrogation. I've made them at Greys and in gaol. Main one here in gaol.

I made a statement to magistrate yesterday. This apart from the five mentioned. Statement to magistrate voluntary. About 3 foolscap pages in substance. I asked by magistrate if assaulted. I said I had not been. In fact I have been.

I told magistrate that I had joined a sabotage group as a matter by way of protest and opposition and demonstration of protest against dangerous government policies. I named it as N.C.L. later A.R.M. I told him that a number of members of this organisation had been arrested in June and July. Prior to their arrest there had been an intention to set fire to posting boxes in keeping with noted of demonstration in public eye. After these arrests I decided to do something similar at station initially intended to be late at night. Later it was decided to do it in afternoon and to warn station police and newspapers by phoning. I have several times seen the travelling public react in that concourse to loudspeaker announcements and knew they responded very quickly. I made a device containing dynamite and petrol the dynamite being to provide explosion and petrol for visibility. No intention anyone should be injured. Supposed to be a spectacular demonstration. I placed the device about 4 or 5 next to a waiting bench and went and telephoned from Jeppe Street G.P.O. In each case said "there is a bomb due to explode at 4.33 please clear the concourse. It will explode if touched." This was intended to frighten people off. To R.D.M. I remember sayxing we don't want anyone hurt.

I have not at any stage mentioned any others as being involved in this matter.

Second part of magistrate's statement amounted to this I'd co-operated with police in giving information and showing

things. I was shocked by what had happened and did not want it to recur.

(After I was taken in I was questioned shortly at Greys then taken back to Greys at about 8 a.m. the next day - fairly
lengthy questioning. At that questioning I told police where
dynamite and equipment stored - 33 Oxford Road - this being rented
by Swerskys). Swersky knows nothing about it. At this 8 a.m.
meeting I told them I'd placed bomb. At first that interrogation
I had told them been in sabotage generally.

I had had my jaw broken and generally/beaten all over on face, head, body and side and kneed in the testicles (whispered). Assaulting was right at beginning. At first my attitude was I wished to answer nothing as regarded 90 days an abrogation of rule of law. Were assaults before first and second interrogations.

I did not see a magistrate for two weeks or week and a half after I was detained. Felt I had no security.

(Whisper: "If we shut up about beatings then can stress remorse.")

I've had a great deal of treatment. Operation - General anaesthetic.

I was assaulted at Greys. I said wouldn't answer but would answer if questioned in normal way. Then assaulted. I came here with face grossly extended. Assaulted initially on face. Later elsewhere. Never actually unconscious. Also kneed in the testicles on second occasion. This a separate occasion. Assaults only two occasions. Later threats of assault. I was seen by resident doctor think on the Saturday after second assault (25th July). Cursory examination. Said I'd be alright and prescribed pills. I presume, pain killing pills. I mentioned then or later jaw very

painful that when I blew my nose air came out of my ear. My balance has been affected. Also that my left lower fore thumb as still is. (Begins to weep). Said it would come right. This on the Saturday - not certain. Still have blood on my handkerchief when I blow my nose.

Over next week lot of questioning. They on occasion gave me pills for pain. Able to talk but could only take liquids. Couldn't eat an apple e.g. I complained a lot to police and x-rayed in Pretoria outside. I don't know doctors name but a medical building and think room no. 116. On first occasion of x-ray his murse Miss Warmaren was present (read it off badge). It was on Saturday a week later. Then transferred same day to another cell was to have no food or drink. Injections. Before first x-ray taken to Senior District Surgeon of Pretoria Dr. Koch. He examined me carefully. Said thought jaw broken and he arranged x-rays. By that every semi-conscious from injections. Taken to what I was later told was Pretoria Central for operation. Present were Dr. Koch, a specialist operated and he saw me a few times after and I learnt who he was. On third time he removed wire. His name Dr. Jonk (York) Mouth Specialist. Remember signing form for anaesthetic. Don't know his name (of anaesthetist). My jaw was completely cured. Always saw visiting Magistrates in this condition and they made no comment. Operation 1.8.64. Wire removed on 27.8.64. During that period could eat only liquids and speach blurred. Saw magistrate about weekly after they first came. Saw about 5 times and about 4 different magistrates.

I know one of torturers for sure. Gives name.

I made an escape attempt. I got into grounds of British Embassy. I was pulled out by Special Branch. I told them I'd show them something. Not handcuffed. I ran and got in. No-one in grounds saw me. One passer saw not sympathetic. I am a S.A. citizen.

5 -Pointed out location of dynamite and equipment at 33 Oxford Road. I showed them where I had thrown wires from a detonator into Florida Lake. Also showed where I'd placed bomb. I was then filmed. That was very early on morning of 11.8.64. I was wired at the time. At least 40 detectives present. This was the day after my escape attempt. About 1 - 2 a.m. I showed them where I had thrown some controls that couldn't be found. Placed on identification parade.about 2.9.64. Fairly conducted at Johannesburg Railway Station (Railway police rooms). Two things struck me afterwards. 1. Everyone had a blue or grey suit and I wore a brown suit. There were 12 aside from me on parade. Also my photo had appeared in press often. First one who pointed a woman. Not known to me name starts with a Mrs. V Said saw me put down or stand next to a suitcase at 4.28. She hesitated and wanted to ask questions of detective. He refused: she pointed me out. Next a man. Said seen me with or near a suitcase at 4.20. He didn't hesitate. He looked vaguely familiar. Next a Florida schoolboy who said he'd seen me on Wednesday prior carrying a suitcase in Eloff Street. Walked straight in and up to me. I shifted down. Offered chance every time. People who didn't identify. I had told police where and when bought petrol. They had an attendant who didn't identify. - I'd -

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