

 **Transcript****Letter of thanks from Nelson Mandela to Sir John Maud for sending him books via the British Embassy, 14th September 1962**

Nelson Mandela (1918–2013) was a South African anti-apartheid political leader who was to serve as the first black president of South Africa and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was imprisoned for 27 years by the government because of his fight against apartheid.

The Jail  
Johannesburg  
14th September 1962

Sir John Maud GCB, CBE  
The British Embassy  
No 6 The Street  
Pretoria

Dear Sir,

I have received the six books which were sent to me by a friend in England through your Embassy. I thank you for making it possible for me to receive them, and I should be grateful if you would kindly inform the friend, should you be in possession of his or her address, that I greatly appreciate this valuable present.

Yours faithfully

N. Mandela  
NELSON MANDELA  
AWAITING TRIAL PRISONER

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