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Dear Mrs. Gordimer,

from your letter of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 to the president of the Cuban National Assembly (I found it in the internet) I have taken that you are in your country a member of the National Committee for the Freedom of the five Cubans unjustly incarcerated in the USA. I for my part am a member of the corresponding German committee „¡Basta ya!“, and beyond it, with two of the prisoners, namely Antonio Guerrero and Fernando González, I maintain a very close letter friendship for longer time.

I turn to you today because I am sure that that you will understand my request, because you - together with Rigoberta Menchú, Gabriel García Márquez and Adolfo Pérez Esquivel - also signed last year the "Message to the Conscience of the World" and made known with that that you are linked closely to Cuba in sympathy and solidarity.

To the well-known American political scientist James Petras recently occurred the thought that the Peace Nobel Prize should be awarded to the five Cubans. I would like to pick up this, because I think Petras's idea is brilliant and should be followed up at all events. Really, I do not know for the time being anybody who deserves the prize more than these five patriots, who are peace-loving and brave, selfless and inspired by true humaneness and who by the way have not used their life and their liberty only for their own country but also - among people from other countries - for the people of the USA.

It is my notion that you together with Rigoberta Menchú, Pérez Esquivel and García Márquez present a corresponding suggestion to the Nobel prize committee. Your voices will be heard, of a suggestion which comes from you - I am very sure of it - will be taken notice. You all are worldwide well-known, are held in high esteem and admired highly, and you are moral authorities. If you stand up for the Cuban Five, that would be half the battle.

I would be pleased very much, if I would receive an answer from you very soon, particularly then, when you tell me that you want to follow my suggestion.

Identical letters I send to Rigoberta Menchú, to Adolfo Pérez Esquivel and to Gabriel García Márquez.

With excellent deep respect  
I am your very devoted

Günter Belchus