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Prof Korr eloquently describes his work:
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students in the department of kinesiology and assisted the department in establishing a program in
sport history and sociology. A couple of days before I came home, a colleague (Andre Odendaal) took
me into the Mayibuye Archives and showed me a collection of miscellaneous papers in boxes entitled
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created a highly bureaucratized football (soccer) league and how they used that to take control of their
lives and to train themselves for a role in a future democratic and free South Africa. Amongst the
prisoners who were active in both playing and running the league were future cabinet ministers, a
future deputy chief justice, and the current president of the Republic of South Africa.
My research was a combination of going through the hundreds of pages of minutes, correspondence
and bureaucratic documents followed by more than thirty interviews that I conducted with former
prisoners and prison officials. I donated the interview tapes to the UMSL archives and copies are held in
the library at UMC and the Mayibuye archives at UWC
RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH
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history consultant. I had a significant role in writing the script and I conducted the on screen interviews
that comprise about 40% of the film.

The most interesting screening that I attended was at the House of Lords in London. It was organized for
Members by the Speaker of the House and I did a Q&A after the film.
The book, More Than Just a Game with co-author, Marvin Close
The book was published in 2008 in London by Harper Collins, reprinted in paperback in 2010. It was
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Africa under license to Harper Collins. It was published in translation in Italy, Netherlands, Japan, Korea,
and the Czech Republic. It was distributed as a BBC audio book.
When the book was published and the film released, there were a number of feature stories (in
additions to reviews) in major newspapers. These included publications in Denmark, Switzerland, Italy,
Uruguay, Spain, Germany, Singapore, South Africa, Netherlands, France, and other countries. Many of
the articles were based on interviews that I had in December, 2009 when FIFA hosted a media event on
Robben Island for international journalists who were covering the final World Cup draw. I was one of the
invited speakers and took groups of journalists around the island.
Articles about my research appeared in many England language newspapers and magazines. Amongst
them were Macleans (Canada); The Observer, Sunday Times, Independent, Financial Times, Metro,
Sunday Herald, Daily Mail, Four Four Two, and the Guardian (all in the UK); the Irish Times; Times,
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Personal Appearances/Public Lectures/ Impact
Following the release of my book and the film, I did television and radio interviews around the world. I
also was invited to give presentations about my work at universities across the world. While this work
was enormously important to me personally, there were other results that are more difficult to
document, but I think are more important.
The film and the book gave public attention to the prisoners who were on in the communal section of
Robben Island. They were the vast majority of the prison population. They received little attention from
the public during their time on the Island and even less after the transformation of South Africa in the
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for years. Aside from the personal benefit, many of the men have been willing to participate in