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Dearest Phyllie,

Thank you for your four letters- I think I have received them all.

There was quite a delay before I received the earlier ones. But the

Officers here were very co-operative and spent no effort to locate the letters. So in the end it was with a sense of achievement that the Captain

announced "We have found your letters". I shared all your letters with Archie. They made him extremely happy. He is well and is coping very well

with conditions here. With the new arrivals we are now in a Communal cell -

en suite - with our own bathroom and loo.

I received separate letters from Fern and Monroe from Knoxville - Ask Sukhs -

that's where all the country music happens. Mewa remembers them - but for

the reel they were the faces on our T. shirt. I got your jersey and T. shirts.

The black one I gave to Alfred Mkhize who was in the security cells with us.

His trial is over - convicted of the possession of a Makarov and is serving effectively 4 months.

The other two Segie and Devan Thevan (brothers) have left us - their trial having been concluded a few days ago. They were alleged to have written threatening letters to candidates assistants in the name of the Umkhonto.

Suicide Squad or such like name. Segie will serve 6 months, Devan totally suspended sentence and Segies girlfriend (Accused No. 3) also a totally suspended sentence. I shared a cell with these lads. They came to visit us the other day. Quite a reunion. Of interest to Monroe - they are vegetarians!

Albertina (she looks lovely) is in the womans section and of course this will conjure up memories for you..

I wrote to MN from the Consulate. He was quite moved. I told him what a fool he was. We were two of a kind. Do you know that when he had his first heart attack he had Sheila (his secretary) by his bed side in hospital taking notes of a cable for New Zealand. And he was the latest victim of the bigots in SACOS. He was very bitter over his treatment. Did I tell you that we met in London?

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Dates?? Sure they are significant. I realised late yesterday that it was 17 years for David's?? birthday. I lost my eye on 26th February, 1979 and it was

AJs birthday - 42 or 43? Can't recall. Wrote to him yesterday. Reading a nd

writing down to an absolute minimum - my good eye is playing up. The spots in

the eye are becoming more defined and darker. Strains very quickly. I am on

permanent treatment for blood pressure - under control. Must tell you, Korshed

Ginwala came to see us in the Consulate and she took my BP 200/150. Sky high!

She felt flattered!

Bill says he spoke to you on the occasion of Eddie's 50th birthday. Hope he

filled you in on some details. Now that Ursulla and the girls have their passports

they should be making final arrangements to come over. I have not seen Ursulla

since our last court appearance. Job situation far more important right now.

On Monday the girls gave me a surprise. Wow - it was great seeing them! Jo has

her first boy-friend - she is 15 years. Wrote me three letters about the good news.

She is fairly level headed. But! I have written to her - No lectures - just expressing my happiness at her happy feelings. Jas is collecting stamps.

I am

sure you can augment her collection.

Being in this amorphous group is a challenge. Sanna's pa's Counsel is only a

small problem. Individual/Organisation conflicts keep cropping up making life

here very difficult - but challenging. Archie is a star!

Ursulla told me that Vassie had written - but I have received nothing. What news

of Sinthee? Can she write? Ask her to introduce herself and her family. I haven't

heard from her in years, and I think so much of her - especially did so on the

28th October.

Our old friend Sudhama came to see me here. Mentioned hopes of Government unconditional release. Did you see NM's (Nelson Mandela's) statement? The rally at which Zinzi made it was quite an experience. Frank Chikane chaired the meeting. (Frank is co-accused).

Spirit here remains high and since bail is no longer an issue - creative thinking abounds. I miss you a great deal. Kiss Sukhs for me (Railway Station - home - your home) and say hi to Goonam and Manivel.

Love Deva
Your brother

Censored Mkhize - 8513119 - undated

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