

10th January, 1970

My dear Ann & Alan

Thank you for your letter of the 5th. It was my birthday & the 1st but my Dad was not around to wish me. - Usually at 5am.

The Doctors say he is improved considerably - but he has not opened his eyes for 1 month today. His attempts to talk are abortive. I keep saying to him that he must be patient a quality that I am least endowed with. (David Evans)

After I asked about Dave - I saw him reporting on the 29th. He smiled broadly & stopped to chat & then as if he realised he walked away but all smiles & he looked so well. So when I reported yesterday - did so at the same time as last week - & limped about the Station - but no luck. And now you tell me he was away. Oh Al why? why? Why is the price so high - What a price to pay for the love of ones country.

The money for Moonsamy is for Studies - I haven't the letter to confirm this - but I cannot remember his asking for anything else.

Ruby Crants is coming down here. Wants to see you. Will phone to see if you are in - before she comes up. How do you get up there? Will phone & find out.

Love Phyllis.

11/2/69.

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My dear Alan,

- ① Congratulations to you & Ana. I was told it happened but did not get down to reading the papers. I'm up to my neck, and this was not because I did not want to - but just could not. I wish you much happiness, and good health to enjoy your lives together - and hope sincerely that you radiate the love & affection you have always done.
 - ② MD too sends his love & Conprats. The enclosed letter will show a little trick I'm trying - if it pays off - we'll have MD sooner - if not at 10am on the 23rd May, 1972.
 - ③ My long letter to you I've destroyed as I did not know where to post same.
 - ④ George White, wrote at long last to his wife. It was a very sad & extremely worrying letter. Poor Florence asked me to reply. Of course I did not - but asked her to assure him that she & the children were well & strong. He should endeavour to do likewise.
- From rumours & the like we fear that Pascal & George are to be state-witnesses in the "Terrorist" Trial on the 14th in Pub. If they give evidence, they will walk out free men - in the sense that no walls of our prisons will hold them - but I hate to think what walls they create for themselves - If they don't they will go in again & serve a year - What a decision to make. As I write to you

I ask myself what I would do in similar circumstances — I hope to goodness it will be the correct one.

5. Alan Brenda is no more. She died on the 6/2 & was buried on the 7/2. I could not find you — No I did not look hard enough, thinking you were on honeymoon.

I was given permission to attend the service & not the cremation.

Poor Bill is beyond comfort, & very lonely.

6. Ebrahim Ismail 75/64 is writing is finals in the 1st degree & requires R130.00 immediately. Entries close on the 15th March. — i.e. he will have to have the cash before then to enrol. I'm informed that Nusas has no money & H.T. is broke too.

7. If you recall S. Singh was never given the money asked for in March 1968. There's more here I'd like to tell you about when I see you.

8. I've been given permission to write the 3 subjects with U.N.I.S.A. — & they will cost R10.00 for registration & R30.00 per course, payable R10 & $\frac{1}{3}$ fees immediately — Will be grateful for any help.

9. Griffiths Mxenge was released on Saturday. He looks very thin & emaciated, unlike Pascal who looked like a bloated animal. My children are growing so fast & so naughty I can't keep track. I am so tired — I wish I could go away & phumele for a while. Dreams. Love to both of you Kaylis

208 Scala Centre,
1 Mansfield Rd.
Dublin.
3rd March, 1969.

My dear Alan,

Your letter dated 26/2/69 has reference.

① Bill Worthington is admitted to King George V. Hospital - collapsed lung. Has been there for 2 weeks. I've only been once to see him. They have visiting hours in the afternoon 2-4 pm (not very sure) but 7-8.30 in the evenings. He is in D. Ward & if Sister Gardyne is on duty - she is wonderful. He likes Lion all too - & the Dr. recommends it. He is on the mend.

② The quickest way to deal with Ebrahim Ismail 74/64 is to send cheque to Frank Bernadt & Joffe,
85 St Georges St
Cape Town.

with instructions to despatch same to him immediately - Enrolment date is 15th March - he might just make it. & many thanks for this

3. My apologies too - I enclose post dated cheques for R100.00 - I wish I could pay it sooner - but at the moment it is impossible.

4. Thank you for the cheque for R10.00 for my studies - I will repay this at the end of August when it is my turn to collect a R40.00 lottery.

5. I am rather surprised at how he told me he had written to you. Anyway I was admitted on the 28/2/69 & started work on Saturday ~~for~~ with Mr. Paula. At the end of this month I shall get post-dated cheques for £100.00 each to cover the £600.00 & give them to Bill. I'm sorry he's too - He changed his plans - to practice at the Bar - attorneys had warned him ~~that~~ he would stave. BUT HE WILL PAY

6. I have been rather busy with M.D. He was very ill - slipped & fell while quarrying stones for no apparent reason New Year Eve much pain & then the authorities took notice. Sent to Conradie Hospital & cartilage removed - In plaster for 6 wks. & only now is he walking in any degree of comfort. I've written to the Comissioner for Prisons etc, H. Sugman etc - on his illness to highlight our fears for the lack of medical services for our men there - 4 have died already. This is authentic.

7. Alan if I tell you that people have wept for Br. George - it would be an understatement. I've had people here at Sam cry like professional orphans at funerals

of none. Somehow P has just had similar response. I've had to comfort George's wife, & this was very difficult. Poor girl is beyond comfort.

But Bill W. put me straight — "Despite the S.M.s & the Doc — justice will out — & freedom shall be won."

My Sha has been very ill, with his Asthma. Last week he had attacks one after the other & he was forced to go to Hospital for O₂. I stayed with him for he refused to stay there & carried him home at 11pm.

Subhi our baby too has been ill. Endless tale of illness for my children — & now M.D.

But I have my lifts — or pick-me-ups. Menge is out after ± 3 yrs in detention in prison. & he tells his wife that the boys at the Island think him the most. — At what cost!

Keep well both you & Ann.

You promised me you look — I have been in touch with Patricia David's wife — Are you assisting to get him away — I hear there were problems.

Love
Ryckles.

208 Scala Centre,
1 Mansfield Road,
Durban.
31st July, 1969.

My dear Ann & Alan,

Today ~~N~~ such a beautiful day. It feels ~~that~~ Summer is here. I cannot take the cold very well, being a product of the sub-tropics my life blood is heat.

You know I am sure that I have not informed you of CALËB MOTSHABI of Robben Island. For Ann would have made some reference to it. I remember making a photostat copy of it. But I cannot for the life of me think what I have done with it. He wrote to Attorney Sydney Dunn, 45 K.M.S. House, Grey Street. Both Syd and Caleb grew up in Bloemfontein. What sentence he has to complete I cannot recall. But he asked for R100.00 and R50.00 for his wife who apparently was in great need. Forget the latter. I want to get Sydney to get some regular help organised for her at home. But if you can and would we shall be grateful for any help you might consider for Caleb. If you do send it to Sydney and ask him to let you have the R.I. receipt therefor.

I have been informed that some friends in London are sending MD R150.00 for Sports Equipment to Bill. I have seen Bill and asked him as soon as he has discounted same to let you it. But until yesterday he had not had sight of it.

Some ugly rumours are getting around about our friend George. They are shocking to say the least. I am having them investigated.

Last night I was showing someone a picture of Melville Fletcher and you were at the mike with NT sitting down. It is such a pity about NT. For unlike so many politico's there was nothing stealthy or sly. He was an honest man. And yet he is responsible for 31000.00 rand having disappeared. Races was his escape of late. My friends in Robben Island are very upset at this news and want to know why? I wish I knew. When MD from the cells at Point Prison pleaded with his former colleagues in politics to help him in his defence. They all pleaded their fears of possible retaliation against their persons- but NT bless him came to our aid fearlessly. And today I am unable to return that selfless favour. Do you know when I phoned a top Congressman asking him if he had enquired after NT at the time the Law Society made the application, he said he had not. He had prejudged NT and was happy that he should suffer the consequences. I just said God help SA if people of your ilk come into power.

Last Saturday 26th July, Ros Shanley who had been refused a passport left on an exit permit. On the plane from Jhb the same evening Dave Ernst left too on exit. He served a sentence, (sentenced with Rowley) and in true SAN fashion was house arrested thereby endorsing the little confidence that our Govt has in the Judiciary to punish persons who commit offences against the State. So in that context the Boss Bill is nothing new. Poor Ros, Poor Dorothy, Poor Errol. It was very sad. I helped to pack her clothes. She is going to read for her MA in Psychology at Liverpool University. Do you know that she worked at the race course as a steward till last weekend. For whites they are very poor. We were patching and mending Ros's raincoat, underwear etc. I have never really asked Errol, but they say he is a Communist. If he is, all I know of him is good.

I have given up smoking, NO that is not true. I am not buying Cigarettes. It is a difficult lesson but I am learning slowly. The phone is going, I have stopped Sukhthi from School. She was never very keen on it. Anna has been given a months notice to find another job. The boys have promised to help me with the house. I am sure we shall manage. This morning I was rudely reminded that Sha was 7 years. The Dringhouse Womens Fellowship in York sent him a card. What a horrible Mother I am.

Much love to you both.

Thursday 14th 16 August
1969.

My dear Ann & Alan,

① Bill Worthington is in King George V Hospital D Ward. as from last Monday 4/8. with a collapsed lung. I have not been able to visit him, but Sister Cardine per telephone informs me he is on the mend.

② Miss D Smith came in response to my letter (7+) but I was in the bath & she was in a hurry & she promised she would write & explain what ensued re her brother — to date she has not. But she did say that H said to her that I would see to it that her brother got the money — I cannot believe this — in view of her silence I am convinced that this is not so.

③ Bill does not have the lolly yet.

④ I am deeply hurt at Peter Brown's reimposition of restrictions. Why?

⑤ A Mrs Acutt of the Durban North set had a domestic help Mrs Hleph defended by Mr Ishabalala (my employer) & she phoned yesterday saying that she was at a loss now that they had had judgment in their favour. I informed her what the score was & she said she was deeply impressed with Mr. Ts

and asked confidentially if he had spent some time in England perhaps. I said no, and quickly went on to say that his ignorance was due to the whole S.A. set up which made communication between different sections of his peoples impossible. -

blat - blab - She all the while thought I was white & when she remembered seeing me here - She said but you're an Indian & did you go to England - I said no - & she asked who I was - certainly not somebody she had read of in the papers. - No.

I proceeded to tell her - I think Mrs A was very ill at the end of that phone call - for she sounded indistinct - poor poor lady.

(6) Pascal at this moment is probably at Central jail - the reason you know.

(7) A group of us are collecting funds, which Mrs Bherpu has promised to disperse to help those in need. If you have any you may drop same at my flat.

(8) A.P. I am shocked at the methods of torture (R.D. Mail 12/2/1) the Israelis are using in the Arab World. Childishly, I would have thought that 7 million tortured in their ranks in the last war, would have put fins to this. - but no - they have perfected & done better now - I don't know anything anymore.

Phyllis

208 Scala Centre
1 Mansfield Rd.,
Dunbar.
25th Aug, 1969.

My Dear Ann & Alan,

My brother, D.P. David, a recently admitted attorney was served with an order suspending him from practice last Friday 15/8 - On Sunday evening he attempted to take his life, by an overdose of sleeping tablets - he was rushed into hospital on Monday evening - his wife thought he was sleeping - it was terrible - We nearly lost Mum too - who is a heart case. I wrote an awful paper on Tuesday - but have been allowed an oral on Wednesday 27/8 - Keep your fingers crossed.

Dave has not kept his books & has been very busy - I can't days free this year - He is not a rogue - but has been careless - a long story - While I've kept house & home together on my wage - he has helped me with clothes for the kids, birthdays etc etc.

My Dad has paid in £1500+ to correct the position - we will need money for Costs, Council etc. ± £2000.00. Andrew Wilson thinks that he will probably be suspended to put his books in order or made to have a monthly audit over his books. But he may be suspended for good too.

However, we keep hoping for the best - he is most generous & it is this that has brought this calamity £14000.00 in fees are due to him as he stands now.

I hate to do this to you - but ask if you can assist with a loan of £200.00. - payable as soon as he is reinstated - or if suspended - My Dad gives a pension from 31st March & should pay you off by the 7th April, 1970.

If you cannot please say no & forget that I've asked.

In sorry - really Dave -
Ruthie

4/9/69.

My dear Ann & Alan,

Thank you for the R 200.00.
 Will be returned as promised.
 I was discharged from Hospital this morning
 after exploratory kidney X-rays - observation
 I have a stone in the kidney which has
 to be removed forthwith.

I go into hospital on the 11/9 & will
 be operated on the 12/9 - I should
 be there for a week or 10 days.

The X-ray doctor & the Urologist are
 doing this for amicos - My own doctor
 I mail won't take a penny - I'll only
 have to find the Hospital fees.

The doctor says 'There are criminals
 enough that walk this country -
 don't let me add to their number -
 I could never take a penny in fees
 from people such as you.'

Al. I'm terrified - this I am assured
 everything will be OK.

I cannot afford to be sickly, when
 my 3 children are dependant on me.
 I shall have to give up my job too,
 as it won't be fair to Vata to
 be away for a month.

If my brother comes out of this, I shall
 apply to go to Stanger - all plans -
 plans -

Sukthi says "Are they going to take out
 your hoki (Stomach in Tamil)"

All my love
 Ray Uis

8th Sept., 1969.

My dear Alf & Ann,

I have just had letters from Kisten, Russel & M.D.

① M.D. has not had the £200.00 we sent weeks ago. If you see Bill before I do - please raise this matter with him.

② I send you both Russel & Kisten's letters - to do as best you can. I have acknowledged receipt of these letters & I've asked them to hold on pending my discharge from hospital - but would you please explore what can be done here.

③ Mrs Mathanga did visit her son - she is a very old woman - never travelled - at the end of the rainbow - her son!

Our many thanks to people for the assistance they offer - for letters.

Please keep well both of you

Love
Myllis.

30/9/69.

My dear Ann & Alan,

I had my first shower today unassisted. Since the op. - Rosa & my aunts have given me a scrub - whenever possible. But it's a great feeling - I did not scrub much - but just stood & enjoyed the water.

① Had a letter from M.D. He is most anxious about my health. Looks like I've given him much to worry over, as if life is not difficult enough for him. He has not yet received the money - I shall write a letter to the Commissioner and ask today in a day or two.

② Enclosed Babenia's request for help. If you can I suggest it be stopped at £25.00 per time. They get worried at big amounts. Mr Sewersack of Vernon will be happy to handle it.

I'm sorry to worry you when you're so busy with Gaoah's Commemoration.

Keep well. Thank you Ann for visiting me in Hospital. It was very kind of you.

I am feeling well daily & should be fighting fit in a little while.

Love
Thylys

18th October, 1969.

My dear Alan & Ann

Thank you for your letter dated 16/10. Must apologise for the vagueness of my previous letter.

1. No money for Kistens Moorsamy. He has had money recently.
2. Thank you for the £25.00 for N. Babenia.
3. I have not got Kistens Moorsamy's letter but I am seeing his wife next week. I would suggest that you send £25.00 to S. Duman for him to despatch to Kistens. I have his number.
4. Russell's Ma was just a nurse - I wanted him to ask me to contact his family. His Ma was sent to R.I. by Howard Turnbull. I doubt very much if they are in a position to help - but I shall make enquiries. If you perhaps send him £15.00 - thro Tulane office - with instructions to let you have R.I.'s receipt.
5. Re M.D. Malik's Dept this money was not in M.D.'s hands. I've instructed Bill to enquire if M.D. is to be allowed to continue his studies - if not the money must be returned for him to see. I phoned him yesterday & he informed me that the HAD written the letter. I shall check on him on Monday when I report.
6. Re the Gandhi Centenary - The children went to Curries Fountain - Row Sukhthi saw baby sing "Happy Birthday to Mother Gandhi -
 From old friends & new -
 May God bless you"
 "For he's a jolly good fellow."
 New angle on an old theme.

28th Oct, 1969.

My dear Ann & Alan,

① I saw Bill yesterday. Earlier this month he wrote to the OTC Robben Island saying that MD had not received the money despatched to him on the 26/6/69 for Study & Sports etc. If MD was not allowed to study would ~~they~~ ^{he} please return the money. He had a reply from the OTC stating that the Office of the Commissioner for Prisons was handling this matter & that he should contact them. On the same day Bill had a letter from the latter informing him that Bill's letter to the OTC had been forwarded to them - they enclosed the cheque saying that it was 'stale' & that a fresh cheque be sent them. Bill altered the date & has sent same on to the Commissioner. The inference being that this money will at last be paid.

② MD's sister who visits her husband on the 29/11 - will also visit MD on the 30/11. I shall ask her to find out if MD has had his money. The letter to him will be given him in December or if lucky sooner. But his reply will reach me around mid December. So we will have to wait till then, or the Times return. (MD's sister)

③ Mr Tshabalala told me yesterday that he could not afford to keep me on at £40.00. And I was to find to beg to be employed at a

smaller figure. The price of pride!

A. I read the review of your book "Kantation - - - -" I was deeply moved. In fact I cried. May I ask you a favour. Have you a copy handy - I would love to read it. — PLEASE.

I hope Ann is seeing a lot more of you and that you're resting a bit after the Gandhi business. Kiss me for you - I think that is impossible.

At last Winnie & Co. have surfaced. I'm happy and sad.

Saloni Kettle.

Pastis.

6th Dec, 1969.

My dear Ann & Alan,

Enclosed is Ebrahim's letter. The reference to Ma is myself - his son is an old pensioner.

He like now assistance with his studies with Chor's equipment etc - so hoping to get your help. Please return his letter to this purpose.

As to the despatch of his money, I've already said in my letter to him that I was hoping to get Diwali presents in cash for the children and I'll be happy if he had it. Last year I did get much in cash for Diwali & I was able to send Philine M'sanjan K60.00 Perhaps we could send him K70 for Diwali & K60.00 ~~to~~ at Xmas.

If we send the money in a lump sum we will have the lagging and much delay. However I am in your hands if you object to my method.

A.P. is here anyone you might be able to persuade to employ me. I am beginning to get a little desperate.

The Diwali card to us reads thus:-

"Heaven and meares

The earth vibrates

Sound of the promised day:

Snow fiery illuminates,

Warms our hearts

and lights our way."

Thank love,

Phyllis

19/11/67

My dear Alan,

I started to write to you when Konstantin for your departed "arrived". I've been reading it all this while - I'm at the top and stopped to find somebody had put on the radio at its loudest volume. I had not noticed - I keep telling myself - all you have written is for Dave - alone and all those who read it - are prying in are also telling your readers about yourself. As his friend - "Judge a person by his life and deeds not by his beliefs" - this is very true of you - so true. Dave - will - I shall get back to it.

- ① About E. Small. I remember that it was his final year in the B.A. degree. I presume he was going to start on another degree. This is what the others are doing. Eg. Nelson has completed the L.B. and is doing B.A. Honours - They are not allowed post graduate work.
- ② A note (cryptic) from Albert Stone says that money for school should not be sent. I send his letter & the portion underlined is the reference - and Aunt is myself.
- ③ No clarity on my job position. Many promises - but no job. In the meantime I've written to the Honorable the Minister of Justice, asking him to relax my orders to go to Tulare - I know - a waste of paper etc.

I am sorry to hear about your money problems. I hope to return your books very soon.

Thank you for 'Kontakim for your reported.' When I have finished reading it - I may discuss it with you.

Ada's baby Ann is well.

With love to you both

Phyllis

P.S. Alan's Mrs Georgany is pregnant.

She takes care in January, and she has asked me to write to listen. I am most inadequate.

25/11/69.

My dear Ann & Alan,

① Enclosed is Rattoo's letter where he acknowledges the £25.00. I thought I'd send same as you had said you had not had a simple acknowledgement.

② Al Joe read "Kontakion". I thought may be one ^{to} smear of yourself in that trial where you lost your wrist watch. That must have hurt you no end. I send it Ann. I love her all the more.

Both these have no place in the book, and yet I have felt deeply sad at the former asked Howard to look you up soon after your operation - and the account he gave me was very sad. You appeared to be drowning your pain & loneliness in drink. Ann came into your life - and was happy. Happy & worried if she would fill the vacuum that Dorrie's passing left. Now I am sure you would never have married Ann unless you loved her. I am happy for both of you.

③ Howard has seen me and has offered me £38.00 towards fare. My Quack says he does not approve a long train trip so I shall fly. Maggie Strachan has given me £20.00 towards the trip. In hoping to make up the £26.00 - but make & sell some dresses.

④ You may remember Eddi Bolton. He worked with Dorrie in Toc H. She's a wonderful friend ~~was~~ us. Sends regards to both of you.

Love
Phyllis

66.

1 Mansfield Ke
Dunham.

10/12/69

My dear Anne & Alan,

① Thank you for the £6.00
You shouldn't have - so many people make
demands on you - I feel a criminal.

② Thank you for Ibrahim
R13000.

③ Alan my Dad has been
in hospital since Thursday - treated
for collapsed kidney - the x-rays tests revealed
a brain tumor. Operated Saturday - Kennedy
says he has a million to one chance of
recovery - We wait for a miracle.
I have been keeping watch over him at
night - but we will get a nurse tonight
I am very tired - Poor Dad he was due
to retire next year - bought a fish pond
to take on a restful hobby - He had no faith
in medicine - his belief in prayer was
complete. We wait for a miracle.

Keep MD on 20th & 21st. Will give
him your love

Love
Kylie

23/12/69.

My dear Anne & Alan,

Thank you
for your Xmas Greeting. M.D. &
I wish you to the best in
the New Year.

M.D. is well, though lean & hungry
look'g - depressingly so.
But his super-optimism
remains unperturbed. He
asked me to wish you
especially for the New Year -
saying he was restricted to 6 cards
& 3 others had no cards at all.
& so he found himself with
only 3.

Is David out? & where?

Thank you for making this
trip possible. There is no
change in my Dad's condition
but we keep hoping. Pray for
him A.P. His belief was undoubted.
PLEASE. Love to you both Thyllis