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my dear Gabi, Britt, & Bodil,

How beautiful  
& young you are - After seeing Anne  
I had an idea of what Gabi looks  
like. Bodil too looks like a busy  
bee - with little time to comb  
her hair. - I think I have a lot in common  
with Bodil. Now Britt - or Bette -  
your mischievous smile I adore  
but your writing is awful I  
do not know your name - &  
Swedish is foreign to me - I was  
able to read your letter with a  
little bit of effort - but your name  
please will you print it.

I'm sending you one with SUKHTHI  
my daughter - as you can see my  
face has crumpled into a mess  
I'm 50 yrs today - away from  
my family, home & friends - I feel  
as ugly as I look - my baby is in  
Durban with my family.

My mother was a Catholic & we are  
10 children - Now we are 8 - I'm the  
eldest. Thank goodness my family  
are not practising Catholics - so 8  
of us have 2 & 3 children - Can you  
imagine how the Catholic church would  
have grown if we were brought up

in my mother's image.  
 When I have the time & the inclination  
 I will tell you about my protestant  
 father who died in 1972. I shall say  
 if I do now - so I don't want to  
 upset the powder on my face.

I've heard from Matthews Meynion's family  
 who are similar to Jack's family -  
 Matthews after 10 yrs at R. 15 - has gone  
 back for life leaving 7 children. Unlike  
 Nijella, Sylvia was a teacher & she  
 has managed to keep her children at  
 school - Her eldest daughter Barbara  
 who has been teaching during Matthews  
 1st period of incarceration wanted to further  
 her studies & I promised Matthews to attend to it.  
 She is coming to stay here to do her entrance  
 exams (2 yrs or 3) & I've undertaken to look  
 after her now that the 2 boys are teaching.  
 I'll send you the mother's letter & you'll see  
 the problems & how they are coping.

They are such beautiful people & have  
 given so much for the cause of  
 freedom in this country - that I can  
 only look at them in awe.

So take care & please write

Love Phyllis