

2, Buchan Rd., Newlands, Cape: 7700.

23rd December, 1981.



Dear Peter,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 15th December and the cheque for R100 for Agnes Wododile. This is really tremendous and well timed, because it arrived yesterday, and just now I am driving out to Mouille Point (where Agnes has a charring job - sounds like arson, I supposing its char-ing), to give her R20 from myself. I'll find out whether she's opened her own savings a/c and do all that's required to fix things up for her.

I was annoyed with George who arrived unexpectedly at my house last Thursday and informed me the funeral was to be on Saturday and he had known since Agnes phoned him on Tuesday (I think). I phoned the Supt., Nyanga to see what arrangements we might make for permits for Maggie, George and self to enter Guguletu on Sat. afternoon, but no joy - we must go to Nyanga before 4 p.m. Friday. Next day I asked a black friend to try and get them, and although she had full details and the money (25c each), she was sent from Guguletu to Nyanga, kept waiting, shouted at, and eventually told the whites must come down themselves. This was impossible. I had to fetch my Mum from Sea Point at 12 noon Sat., give her lunch, rest, take her to airport at 4 p.m. for holiday in E. Cape (she's 84). George and Maggie would not enter without permits. I was prepared to just go, but with Mum/airport complications, chickened out. (I imagined myself and Harry's car impounded/delayed, while he fumed at home wondering where I was and my Mum had vapours about airport.)

Also - there was no way of contacting Mrs. Wododile to tell her her fine white liberal friends were not actually going to appear at the funeral. I felt really bad.

Anyway, having phoned her employers during that week without success, I got them Monday and they said she'd be at work to-day -- so here I am on my way. I'll add a few lines after I see her.

I'm having a humbled lunch with Eddie at the Cathedral which will be great.

I took Sylvia Bool to lunch at Baxter yesterday and we both enjoyed it enormously, finding a lot to laugh ~~xxx~~ about which seems extraordinary (no alcohol either). She's so pleased with Arthur's 1st yr Medunsa results (2 distinctions: Biology and Human Science (?); pass in Chemistry, exemption pass in Physics and well it looks like Engineering, maybe Eng for English - Harry took the note). I've urged her to apply to Race Relations to help Aubrey get into UCT next year - there seems a possibility UCT will have bursary money.

How wonderful that Lr. Selby Msimang is able to celebrate a great party on his 95th/6th. All the very best wishes to him and you.

I hope George replies to you, I worried him again and will continue.

Love,

Dot

*Ps. I met Mrs Wododile & we have opened a savings a/c for her at NBS St. Georges St. C.Y. with your R100, R20 & Eddie's R10 which he gave me at lunch! Both send love. Agnes sends her love & grateful thanks. Dot (Kromwell's Montrose at Barclays has to go thro' Mankie, Supreme bank.)*