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3245.

25th December, 1986.

Mr. Elliot Mngadi,  
P.O.Box 43,  
Ezakhani,  
via Ladysmith.

Dear Elliot,

I thought I should tell you about what has been happening at Mdukathani in case you haven't yet been to see Creina.

I went down there last Thursday and spent about an hour with her, trying to sort out some sort of reconciliation between her and the boys. I think I might have made some progress, but then this last week—and everything blew up. She phoned me, I think on Sunday night, to say that the boys had betrayed her and that she had told them both to leave the farm. She was putting Konya on the bus to Johannesburg to go to his girlfriend (Dale White's daughter) and did not want him or GG back again. GG is now saying that he won't go back to the farm under any circumstances while she is there, so it is a big mess, and I can't see at the moment, how it can be resolved. My own feeling is that the strain of living at that place has unbalanced Creina, at least temporarily. That is one element in the situation. The other is that the boys are as stubborn as Neil was, as far as I can make out, and not prepared to make any moves to heal the breach.

This is just by way of background information for you. Unless we hear anything I think we should just go as arranged on January 6th and see what happens.

A bad start to the New Year!

Regards,

P.O.Box 71, 12th December 1986

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Mr. David Everatt,  
32, Eden Road,  
Bramley,  
Johannesburg,  
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Dear David,

For some reason your letter of December 4th seems only just to have got this far.

I am going away tomorrow for four days, have a series of unavoidable commitments after I get back, until Christmas, and will again be away for a few days after that. It looks as if it will have to be after the New Year.

I don't think there is anything much cheaper than the Royal, but I will try to find out.

I think the best plan would be if you were to phone me in the evening at Pietermaritzburg 21911 between the 18th and Christmas, so that we can make plans which suit us both.

Regards,