

Mrs. Naidoo/S.M./

4th February 1975

My dear Thulani and Thandega,

Your letter of the 24th January 1975 reached me on the 3rd February 1975. Heres efficiency for you - Got your letter just after my son had sent me George Jackson's letters. For America in 'freedom' and his in jail is no differant. Only he was able to trancend his environment and comes through a giant amongst men. These Leadership exchanges are the only times I have had news of you, and I only heard when Thandega had left that she had been here.

The 'Black Power' Groups have just emerged from detention and are to be tried under the Terrorism Laws. These children are a reaction to separate development. If anybody should be on trial it should be the Government.

Your Government is extremely busy in Africa, C.I.A. is I'm sure busy in Mozambique. The so-called manuevres in Rhodesia are intriguing, but both your Government and the whites are doomed, for too long, have been shackled to Colonialism and now American Imperialism.

The South American states bear testimoney to the plunder American dollar. It's viciousness is without limit, under the guise of anti-communism.

My main work here seems to be at Robben Island and their families especially Natal. Bram is dying and this stupid Government cannot show mercy to one of its greatest sons. Pretoria has less than ten of our men, while Robben Island should have \pm five hundred. Now Vorster has offered our chaps representations by their ethnic leaders. Despite all

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the clap trap, the homeland leaders are a lot of clowns, cloaked in Mercedes Benz, make a lot of noise - the old story of empty vessels - they represent no other viewpoint but their masters. Buthelezi seems to combine freedom vocabulary and nationalist status, but he fools no one.

I am in partnership with Archie who is at your old office. I was supposed to go to Pinetown but they would not allow me, so we opened up an office here. I have not been able to support myself on it, till December last year. Archie has helped me tremendously. My inability to go to Court really curtails my practice. However it could be much worse.

Both Sobukwe and Mxenge ex Robben Island have been allowed to go to Court. I have not a single conviction except for forgetting to report due to Sha's Asthma - cannot go. Don't ask me what yardstick is used ?

M.D. is ⁱⁿ property business and doing very nicely. He has made a lot of money - settled a matter, out of court for R22,000, so he is well of the way to making the ~~kind~~ of life he wishes. Good Luck to him.

The children have grown tremendously. Sahdhan is thirteen years and in Standard eight. Sha will be twelve and in Standard five. He is the brighter of the two but has been kept back due to age restrictions, they are massive fellows. Sukhthi my baby is eight in Standard two - a Tom boy. Has taken to competitive swimming and enjoys it zealously.

How are the children ? How many more have you added to yourselves? What does Thandega do ? Ntuli has taken to the bottle and is due to be struck off. Having psychiatric treatment. Poor chap what a lovely fellow he was. Nkukwana is struck off. The others are ~~struck-off~~ doing very well, moneywise, big and better homes and motor cars, that seems to be the hall mark of progress. Its all very sickening, its a selfish 'progress' in a quagmire of poverty, but his is the so called developed countries you speak of. Read the 'Rebel Priest' its so close to you. My son Nerses Joseph is in Los Angeles Appt 410 304, 8 Manhattan Place, Los Angeles, California. If you are around there look him up for me. I've not seen him for years, he writes though.

Keep well;

All my love,
