

My dear Solveig & Bruce,

Its Saturday the 10th June, its 6.30pm.

What a long time since we saw each other. Was it only yeaterday when we met at that home in Glenwood to discuss the protest stand when that police mans son talked to us. I have even forgotten the lady who lives off Essenwood road. Do give her my love. Dawn? On Republic Day I was so lonely for Durban, spoke to Chris & Deb O & Nas. There is such an ache its physical I can assure you. They say with time these aches improve. Well it will be a year of this safety & it has not improved.

Daily I am in Durban with all of you. Going home up Sydenham Hill Seeing the Jacarandas in bloom, then the blooms on the tarmac being squilched by the vehicles that traverse its surface. That Group area the race course, which I hated, I would give my left arm for now.

The weekends are so long. After work on a Saturday the afternoon stretches. Its not so bad when there are visitors one does not tend to watch the clock so much. The house arrest was preferable to this. There is such a purposeless in this existence.

How is fosa? What is she doing? Do you see much of her? The children have gone to London? How is Ricks mother?

Winter is here in all its ferocity. Daily the ground around is covered in frost. My feet aches at the thought. Remember I walked though it when I got here.

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It has been freezing today. Suks was invited to lunch with some American school friends I dropped her & came back home with the newspapers. Except for one news item in the Tribaune the rest you can pick up on the national media either their radio or Tv.

But I have been reading about Sa having the most distinguished prisoner Dr Govan Mbeki. The UN offices here has some readable material.

Unlike you at home our schools are generally closed at the moment for the winter holidays. In this regard we are slightly better than our neighbour Rhodesia, where some 30 schools are closed.

Oh yes the news on crossroads was good. Sorry the treatment of it. We have a number of flashpoints. The Sales tax is going to hit badly. How is Alp. She has not written. Employed? Not at the old place. Is she ok.

Id like that labour bulletin if it is available. I find writing to you extremely difficult. Id much rather be talking to you. Do you think that joy awaits us? Sometimes I despair of ever seeing you al again.

Do keep well, my love to you both and our mutual friends.

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