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30th, January, 1978.

My dear Viyella,

Your letter reached me on the 26th. I am happy that you saw Zac and that he was well. Did he say anything about being allowed to study. Did he tell you that he had received money that had been sent to him. Does he need anything? You must find out whether Zak has enough money for toothpaste, tobacco soap etc. In your last letter you had asked me to write to Zak. I've thought about this. As much as I would love to, I think it is important that he has news of you and the family, since he is only allowed one letter a month. This should be yours. But please give him my love when you write. When you get his letter, will you take it to my office in Durban, and ask them to send me a photocopy. When Zak is allowed more letters than one per month, then I shall be pleased to write to him. But you know that nobody is allowed to receive my letters. So all in all I don't think we should waste letters. Don't you?

I was very sorry to learn that your trip to the Island was as miserable as you describe. Mrs Gwala has her family in Capetown and I would have thought that she would have taken care of all of you. I am writing to some friends in Capetown and will see that better arrangements are made for you.

Dear V as regards money for the pinafore, dresses you wish to start I think it's a good idea, but at the moment I am stone broke. I have to arrange for Barbara Meywa's schooling. I promised Matthew that would do this. But in a few months time I am sure I shall be able to manage something. In the meantime I have asked some of our friends to help. Please let me know if you get any help. Besides friends from overseas are you getting help from Dependents Conference (SACC) Has Gerald sent you any money?

How is baby? He must be 2 years now? Please send Zak photographs of him. He would love to know how he grows. How's my big boy? Is he working? Ask him to write to me.

About the purchase of the house? I am writing to Archie's Pinetown Office. Archie is very busy, but you must see Mr Alpheus Mthethwa to whom I am writing immediately. I want him to enquire from the Kwa Zulu Authorities as to the instalment plan. Once we know their terms we shall do our best to please Zak. Don't worry too much. You can trust Alpheus, he is one of us, and will do everything to help. If we can get the house then be assured we shall all try our best. Be assured of that.

I am writing to friends in Durban to get you some jumble, which you can sell and perhaps start off the dressmaking business.

Has Mr Gwala in Hammardale been released. I hope you visit his family and cheer her up. Also check to see if she is in need of help. I shall not forget how concerned he was when you lost your knitting machine. Were you able to save it? What is your daughter doing now. Will you give me the names of your children again V. I've lost all my files here.

Do write soon, love, Phyllis.