

November 3, 1981

Dear Phyl,

I feel very, very badly. I really don't know what's going on. I don't know why you have not been receiving the books. I have sent copies two, maybe three times now. I'm wondering if I have the wrong address. I can't recall whether I sent the books to the "Chief Legal Counsel, P.O. Box 402," or to "P. Naidoo, P.O. Box 619." Are both of those addresses good? You see, your letters haven't included return addresses, so I've never been sure if I have it wrong. Also, did you get more than one letter from me this summer? I wrote more than one. You responded to one specifically, but didn't mention the others. I think I may have sent those to the "Chief Legal Counsel." What do you think I ought to do? (I will send a copy of this letter to each of the above addresses. Likewise with the books. I will send them both today--air mail. So, if you don't get the books in a few weeks, you will know that something is going on.)

I'm really terribly sorry about this. You must be thinking I don't care--or something. Thank you for keeping me posted on all the current events. I must write to Peter Jackson, too, to thank him for writing that review--it really was comprehensive and well-written. I wonder if it wasn't responsible for the ultimate banning of the book. (Whew. I couldn't believe it. At least they put Lenin and me together--and I felt flattered by that. I don't know about the Intimate Romances, though.) The Institute tells me that a number of book stores in South Africa have been ordering the book. Maybe they saw the review--or maybe some of the 200 copies sent did get in. (I have gotten some feedback, so I know that some of them did.) The SA Military Attaché in Washington ordered a copy, and the Institute told him that it was out of print.

Did Peter get the books we sent to him? We sent at least two copies to him also. Also, one was sent to Ray. I don't know if she has gotten it by now or not. I also sent a copy of the Best and the Brightest to you--in August. Have you received that? (What do you want to know about Dan Berrigan?)

I'm really sorry I haven't written. I am writing to so many people now that I don't think I'll ever be able to keep up. In July, I was madly trying to get all the articles written. I was happy with them, I just hope they don't get butchered by the editor. I must have written nearly 100 pages...the issue will not be out until February, though. In August, I came to Wisconsin to find a place to live and begin school. The pace of life has really quickened. I'm taking a seminar in African history, for which I am doing some very interesting research on SA--the period prior to 1948...also, African politics, Introduction to Mst. social theory, and Xhosa. So, I am busy, but I think that it is all worth while. The program is extremely flexible, and I can approach my work from my particular perspective without a problem. In fact, people are quite sympathetic to what I am doing.

I've probably given a dozen talks and slide presentations on South Africa--and testified before the Wisconsin State Legislature on a divestment bill. (I also showed the slides to them.) Right now, I am in the midst of a huge paper...I was going to work on it solidly for the afternoon...but your letter came, and I couldn't stand neglecting you anymore. I hope you understand.

Please let me know if the books don't arrive within a few weeks.

I hope you are well. I do worry....and think of you often.

Love,

Betsy

P.S. I wrote to you inside one of the two books just sent.

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