

Dear Phyllis,

Hope you had a good trip. We were in Oslo in September but did not know how to contact you. How frustrating! Do you have a new address in Zimbabwe? Are you enjoying retirement? How is Sukho? There is a lot of news to catch up on now.

Our little David is approaching his first birthday. I find myself with just endless affection for him. He really is terrific. I never expected I would enjoy motherhood so much. My generation really did not have it cracked up to be much.

Cliff is turning out to be a good dad. He helps a lot but does always act as if he is helping

me out. Things don't change overnight. But, I do find that I feel David is my responsibility and even seem to want it that way.

What news do you have from your family at home? Have they pulled through '87 without scars? The news black-out on RSA is enormous here. There is a three line blurb daily stating the number of dead in fighting. That is it! I hope '88 holds more hope for real change.

The recurrence of famine in Ethiopia is unbelievably soon. I don't know if I shall be involved in work there for I left my job in CRS last week. I was very bored and felt the need for a change. I am

not sure what I will do but am
very pleased to have a change &
more control of my time.

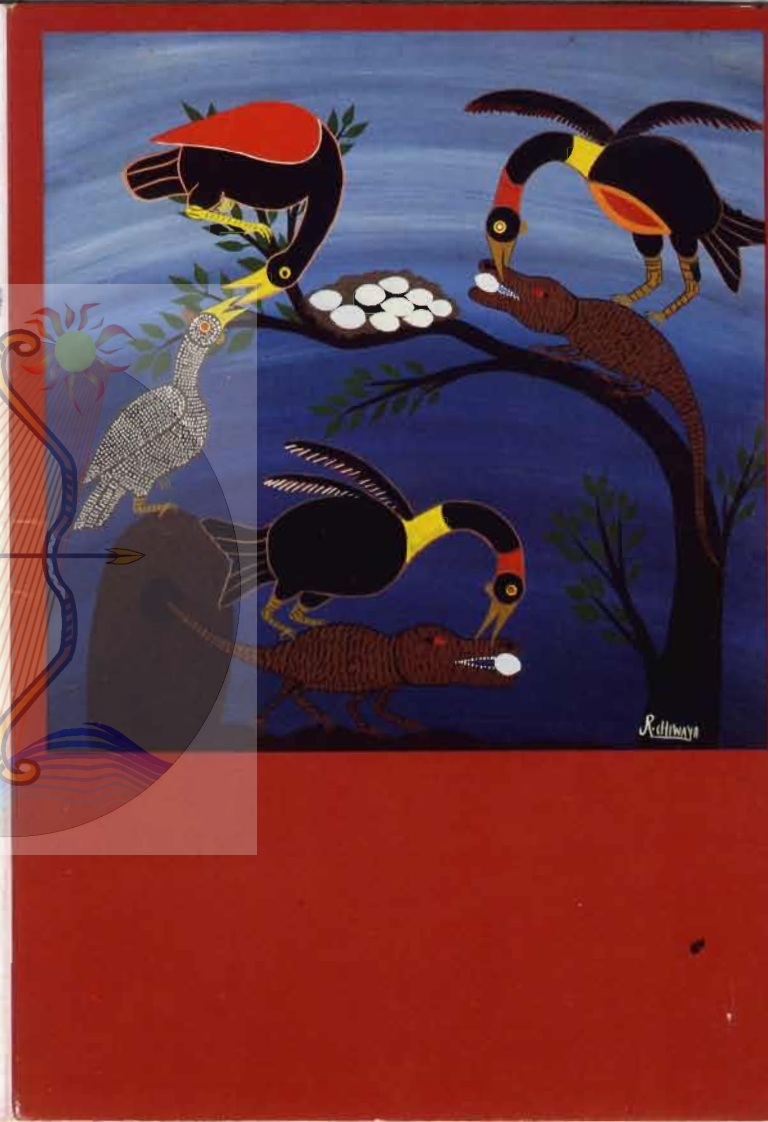
We went to the US in September.
My folks are so happy when David is
home. They hardly remember to say
hello to me nowadays. It certainly
is wonderful to see them so happy
again.

I saw the Heeths recently.
They have been in Kenya for some
time now. Imagine, they now have
two children in college. Some of
us are late bloomers.

Do take care & keep
my new Po is 70104.
Love Rhonda

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Dear Mgt.

February 16, 1982
Nairobi, Kenya

Received your letter today with lots of news from all parts. Thanks. Hope you are now feeling better. Rest isn't all that detestable you know!

A few hours later, I had lunch with Helen Bauer & some Swiss architect Pierre, who works in Lesotho. Helen is here with Red Cross for a month from her post in Kampala. She is with Mike now and seems happy. I hate to admit it but ♀ + ♂ really do seem to be happier together!

Great news of Sarah, I wish I could see her in a happy relationship.

Thanks for Suke's address. I'll be writing soon. I am heading west in April for two weeks holiday in Europe and then 6 weeks in May and June in the USA. I will be sure to visit Suke when might you be there?

It will be 2 1/2 years since I was home. It is time to see my family. They get lonely these days. I also feel like renewing some friendships that have survived long distances for several years! I hope to see Bob & Susan too, and of course George. I am pretty excited about the trip people-wise but not eager to be in USA with Reagan flourishing!

I had my trip planned to Lesotho for late this month. All the conflict in our office has led to complete non-decision making. My travel requests have been unanswered and we sit in the office waiting.

Sr Fredrika has decided to resign. It was a real hard decision for her after 9 years. She is really sad but relieved. Tomorrow she will have her arthritic hand operated on. I hope it goes well. She thinks of you often.

Well, I am no longer desirable, maybe only "wanted". My request for SA visa en route to Lesotho was politely rejected. I am certainly in good company!

Have you met At Cenmerago the CBS exec? I hear from a common friend that he is a real nice guy. I have not met him yet. On my visit, soon, I hope I will.

A lot of quarreling in high circles here lately. Asians were accused of sabotaging the economy last week. Some have been picked up on currency charges. Foreign exchange flies daily.

5 The continuing Nkomo problems are really disillusioning. Yet, friends working in Zimbabwe are encouraged about the overall situation. What do you hear?

I spent a few days in Brucha last month. That is one of the better areas of the nation. There was food, water, and people had some money. In central areas famine has hit and the government will not acknowledge it since extra food supplies exist in other parts of the country. But, it can not be moved. What good is it? Yet, everyone keeps pouring aid into Tanzania, for Nyerere maintains his prestige. I don't really understand the dynamics.

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Love,
Rhonda





February 1st, 1982
Nairobi Kenya

Dear Phyl,

Sorry to be so lax in corresponding. I keep hoping that I will be able to tell you of my visit. It looks like there is no news of that. I will call NY today for one final effort. To put it bluntly, our office is falling apart and everyone is struggling to maintain his/her sanity in his own personal way.

I was sorry to learn that Sister had already left without my seeing her. You must really miss her now. I hope she finds her niche. When I go home, I will stop to see her.

I went up to Turkana in Northern Kenya in January. This was the area hit by famine in 1981. It was so rewarding to see how people were back to life again. Mothers had breasts with milk, babies were robust, and children sat in small groups playing games. It was beautiful. One mother had a set of twins; the very fact that they survived was a true feat. One wonders at the strength of human beings who manage to survive such harsh conditions.

Sorry about Sarah's experience; it hardly surprises me since our informer - "friend" is out to cause trouble, for who knows-what denies. I hope I shall see her soon.

How is your brother now? Is he home resting?

Oh gosh - Agnes just came in to tell me he is leaving tomorrow. I must send news with him. I am placing a call to CKS/ny in five minutes to see if I can get permission to continue to work, or I should throw in the bag and give

up trying to work with CRS. If only I could accept
being unproductive life would be easier.

Luckily the best coffee in town is across
the street from my office so I will send you some.

I applied for SA work, but have no response
to date except not to call them! Looks as if
I am no longer "wanted" to work.

Please send me Suk's address.

Glad to hear John is back at least
nearly, undefeatable isn't he?

I'll write you soon,
and keep hoping to see you soon.

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Rhonda