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Dearest Phyllis

What a pleasant surprise for me when I received your letter. Unfortunately it was opened in error in the office because they didn't know me by my Maiden name. I am now Mrs. S. Naidoo (married for 9 years now - but legally separated for 3 years). Oh that's by the way.

Tell me, how are you keeping. I trust you are well really. I can imagine how big the children are. I can still remember their names (Sadhana, Sha & Sakthi). They used to come to the farm with me for the week-ends. Remember the good old days at T.C. Mehta & Co.

Phyllis you won't believe me when I tell you I wrote to you two years ago (1980) but didn't post

off the letter because I lost your address. It was the time when you underwent an operation - something to do with your eardrum, remember. I had that letter with me amongst my personal belongings and when I moved to Joburg it came with. I am enclosing the letter just for you to know that I cared about you and wanted to know how things are with you and the kids.

Anyway I am glad you met Daddy and my baby brother. I am living with my cousin and we are renting. I miss my kids terribly. I am planning get a flat so that I could bring them to Joburg. I work for a big Company here and earning a very good salary. Very independent and don't need a man for financial support - only very lovely.

Please send me a recent photo of you and the kids. I like to see how big they are now. I can picture your face but not the children's.

Please excuse writing - scribbling during lunch break.

Love Selwe

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My dearest Phyllis

Hi! Thank you very much for your letter which I received sometimes back but apologise for not replying earlier.

Nevertheless you are always warmly remembered. I hope you are well after the operation. I am longing to see you and the children. I hope they are also well.

When are you coming to visit us. Really speaking I don't know what the position is whether you can come or not. I don't have any contacts here that know anything about you so I am all in the dark but the only thing we know is that you are in Maseru with the kids. That I discovered from Daddy. No matter what it is please remember that I haven't forgotten you or the children.

I have now changed my job. I am still in the legal field but am presently employed by Messrs Wartski, Greenberg, 4th Floor, Trust Bank Centre, Durban. No longer with Messrs C.I. Vawda, Reddy & Company. There's better prospects here and above all I think I needed a bit of a change.

At the moment I am undergoing a lot of domestic problems. Mac, my husband is giving me a lot of trouble and I am almost sure that things won't work out between us. Our marriage is virtually on the rocks and God knows what the outcome is going to be. I am going through the same hassles like what you went through, I mean the loneliness part of it. That feeling of being rejected, unwanted, you know how it feels. But not to worry I'll soon get over it.

About my work, I am quite happy. There's lots to learn every day. Lots of nice friends. Oh by the way, Basil's sister MAY works with me. Both of us are running the Conveyancing Department. She started here recently and one day whilst talking I told her that I worked for T.C. Mehta and she told me that she worked for M.C. Moodliar & Company. Then I asked her if she knew Basil and then she smiled and told me that he is her brother. So it was then that I thought of you because we mentioned Basil. Then all the memories came rushing back but I pretended to her that nothing was wrong. You know what I mean.

So that's about all I have to say now and since my page has come to its end I will end off this letter with lots and lots of love and warm wishes to you and the children. Whatever you do please reply and let me know how's thing with you. If you don't reply then I will be quite worried thinking that you are unwell and something must be definitely wrong.

So long Your child, SELVIE *Selvie*