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Dear Phyllis,

Yesterday we returned from a short holiday in the Alpes, and as the end of the year is drawing nearer, I don't want to wait any longer writing an overdue letter. Almost two months ago, I returned from my visit to South Africa, which was a tremendous experience for me. On my journey to Jo'burg, through the Transkesi, the Eastern and Western Cape I could sense how close ~~hopes and fears~~ to each other hopes and fears are. In P.E. I was very sorry that I could not meet you there. I was told by the ANC office that you had gone to the Border Area around those days.

Since my return, we've had not only a busy time, I also met a niece of mine at the point of dying of cancer. She is the oldest daughter of my late sister~~x~~, who lived with her family in S.A. for six years in the early seventies. My sister died at the age of 35, her daughter at 29. Yet relatives and friends could accompany her during her last weeks and months, during her last week, there was always a person at her bedside, day and night, until she passed away peacefully. I still imagine how painful it must have been for you not only to lose Sahdhan, but also to be so far away from him, when he was murdered.

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Another two days have passed. As we are starting preparations for our journey to S.A. around Christmas, I would like to let you know our plans. We'll arrive in Durban on Dec.24, where we will be picked up by our friends at Matatiele, formerly in Lesotho, when we visited them at Quting and you in Maseru. We'll spend Christmas with the ~~Xuh~~ Hubbles, and would travel back to Durban on Dec.30 by bus. It would be great, if we could then spend a few days with you over New Year's Eve and New Year' Day, to continue to Cape Town by plane on January 3. Would that be possible? And would it be convenient for you? Earlier this year, you wrote us that we could stay with you for a few days. Wouldn't it be a burden to accomodate a family of five? However, we would look forward very much to meeting you again after so many years! Our children also show keen interest in S.A. as in the African continent at large.

When the family will fly back to Germany to go back to school, I will extend my stay by another three weeks until the end of January. Hopefully, I will be able to pay another visit to Durban by Mid-January.

We anxiously follow events in S.A., particularly steps towards elections in April and the New South Africa. I was so much impressed and encouraged by the spirit of so many people I could meet during my visit, organizing seminars on voters education, preparing for the elections etc. . I also enjoyed so much seeing familiar faces again like Indres in Jo'burg or Johnny in C.T. .

Here in Germany, we still face the problem of militant right-wingers, who basically feel encouraged by statements of high-ranking politicians. Just know, I returned from a seminar on the new legislation on handling the refugee issue, aiming at keeping Germany as free of refugees as possible, without understanding the roots of migration to Germany.

I will try to give you a ring , soon. Hope you ar well, and returned safely to Durban in September. How are Suks and Sha? And the extended family? Is Moogam still around in Durban? So many memories of our short stay in Durban will come back!

Keep well! Many greetings from Margret and the children,  
with much love

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29/11/93

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DURBAN

My dear Ben,

No news from you.  
Why? Come on put pen to  
paper. Tell me what you  
did last week.

A fella bought a flat on the beach.  
He was removing boxes eaten timber  
when he found this Sunday Express  
He shared it with me - there  
was a Group Areas protest -  
& on another page - see you  
were.

When in London in 1982, a priest near  
Kings Cross told me his church  
built for 2000, hardly saw  
25 parishioners on a Sunday  
Look like you were having  
similar problems in 1963  
My daughter in Harare, wants me  
to come up for the new year -  
I may.

Love

Love to Judy.

Phyllis