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Dear Aka

After I received your letter when my son, Vishen, died in February last year I wrote back to you but there was no subsequent response. I don't know whether that letter reached you or not. I did not pursue it further because of obvious reasons.

However, you were not forgotten. I thought of you when your mummy passed away and you could not attend the funeral. I also keep in close touch with Paul.

Our uncle Mewa showed me a note and the news clippings you sent. Did you know that those articles emanated from The Press Trust, which my good lady and a few reporters are now running. The bastards forcibly removed me from my profession but they have not stopped the work. They did initially try to intimidate the reporters, especially Neil Lewis. They have succeeded in frightening away three reporters from the Press Trust. We cannot help this because in our work we have to put up with all kinds of people.

The other day I happened to call on Basil and he gave me the stuff you sent. I want to thank you very sincerely because it has come in at the right time. Immediately after my banning I expected to hear from our guys but, unfortunately, there was nothing in the post. I wanted something to tide me over but I never heard one word. In any case all is not lost and I am surviving. Thyna gets R450 from Press Trust and this keeps us going. I am not doing anything at this stage but am continuing with my studies.

Thyna is being assisted by three reporters and they are just making ends meet. Every month they run into the red with all the salaries, telex, telephone, and other expenses. This is where I want you to talk to Chris and MM. I am sure they know we are doing the work at PT and at least we should

be given some assistance to take us out of the red. If our colleagues can help then they must send the money to: Press Trust of South Africa, Account no: 900 1106783 02, Barclays Bank, 359 West Street, Durban, 4001, South Africa. There should be no problems because we do receive money from the radio stations, such as BBC and ZBC, through the bank.

Please write at any time to: Miss Sue Robertson, No. 9 Mccausland Crescent, Umhlanga Rocks, 4320, Natal, South Africa. Once again thank you very sincerely for the stuff.

Yours sincerely.

Yours dear friend.

PS: Please pass my regards to Chris and the rest of the gang.