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Dear Phyllis & Subbithi

We read of the attack on Maputo & are worried about everyone there and in Lesotho. Please let us know how things are going - Fern is in the house absorbed in The Covenant - yet that story isn't half over yet - and when I hear Fern express the anger she feels in reading that book I wonder how you control yours in living through it all -

I hope you got ours via George of Tando - we heard recently from Simon T. - who told us of Kim Ward's wife's death - what a shock - and what a lovely person she was.

Hee - Andra chums on - and we await your visit - Tell your Chakalingam that we'd like to see the Shivalingam in hopes of a visit from the land of the "singing" (don't they listen to that tune?)

I went out to a remote jungle area this week where people just live day to day - like a homeland in many ways - and despite it all, despite swollen bellies, ragged or no clothes, the children smile, their eyes sparkle - and one gets re-inspired to come back to Hyderabad & put a fire under all the officials who inhibit (through lethargy) the proper implementation of the projects - luckily there

are also energetic officials as well - and an occasional teacher who with nothing makes anything - How is Colin Winter now? And where is John now? Bill & Kay now have Afghan refugees living with them - This world wouldn't be worth the sweat on a hog's ass - without people like you two! (There is of course no similarity intended regarding the post partem!)

Post partem? According to my Webster's that quite literally means "after birth" - could our Mr Gilmore be insinuating? Or was he referring to that part of human anatomy known as posterior? Is he possibly suffering from mental straining from malnutrition since he left the care of the Indians?

what can I plead but ignorance

you know how far that'll get you under the table, eh, kid

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