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P.S. No room at end - how's your
job - how's study? - Are you
keeping in good health?
etc. etc.

in fact they are people - not just talking
humans! (Just a small example - am
writing this in the hand-dette - doing my
washing in coin-operated machines like
everyone else - haven't been here for a
few weeks and so when I walked in
the woman in charge announced to
everyone that I'd been idle - 'cause
she hasn't seen me for ages - everybody
of course "toked", "tsked" and generally
kidded me about it!!) (Some people
call this "nosey" - I call it friendly!)
Well, so that's Liverpool - of course it's
far from perfect - for example it has
strong Irish Catholic influence which
makes for a conservative attitude to
things like family-planning clinics,
but that's something which has to
be changed!

As for work and the University things
are going very nicely there so. I
hardly took any holiday time (vac is
from mid-July to beg. October) - just
a couple of weekends, and so have
been very hard at my research while
I have time not taken up by teaching
duties. So that is coming along very
well. Well, I look forward to the
students being back - I really enjoy
teaching them and got on very
well with them last session.

My dearest Phyllis,
I am so very ashamed
for my long silence - the reason I haven't
written is that I haven't written - I mean
I left it so long that I just didn't know
where to begin again! After I got your
letter telling me about Dot's operation I
was so stunned that it took me months
to write to them to ask about it. Ah, well
I'm very sorry my dear.

Last weekend I went to see Di and
got the photo and keyring - the photo is
magnificent and thank you very much
for thinking that I would want one!
Sukthi looks fantastic - it's so hard to
imagine her growing up without seeing
it happening. And you look lovely!
The keyring, believe it or not, is just
what I needed!! - so it was a
doubly great pleasure to receive it - thank
you again! (Have sent a card to Sabdhan
hope you've received it.)

And now, what can I begin with
about my life in Liverpool? First
as I wrote before, I'm so glad I chose
to get out of London and "come up north"
Liverpool + it's people continue to be
friendly and a great place to live in.
People are so down to earth here;

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Sender's name and address:

My dad was here in July (in London) and I saw him then - he was very well, but he wrote that on his return to SA. he had a slight Thrombosis - I hear now that he's very much better & back at work.

Last weekend when I saw Bi, we went to Steve's wedding - the girl seems very nice but it didn't really get a chance to know her. The wedding itself (the "reception") was very pleasant indeed; nice & informal & friendly. Steve has lost lots of weight & looks very nice. You must have heard that Vic got married too - saw them there and they look so happy it's a great delight to see them together. Thought I would see T there too, but didn't, so have not spoken to him - will do so at first opportunity. Laura & kids getting very well in Cambridge; hear from them. The Philippa & Thomas ^{Henry} also getting in O.K.

Fortnight ago I spent the weekend in Scotland mainly Edinburgh - beautiful city and countryside (don't think I've written to you since my dad bought me a car - have I? - Amen, and it's opened up new horizons in getting around for me.) - Strange thing is that one really feels in a different country in Scotland - subtle nuances of nationalisms all over - it was quite a surprise. As per usual, running out of paper just as I get warmed up. // So very glad to hear M.D. is well & bright - my very best to him in yr. next letter/visit. and all my love to kids, family & friends - please write soon - Yours sincerely,
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