

2nd OCTOBER LETTER
FOR M.D.NAIDOO

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Darling,

Today I had permission to go to Verulam. Dade is much improved, but very weak. He was very upset at seeing me and cried bitterly. Poor poor Dade. Ma is far from well. The house is chaotic and everyone has a nice niche for escape. But Ma has the full weight on her shoulder. She is propped up by sugar tablets, diabetic and pressure tablets. I only hope she does not cave in with this weight on her shoulders.

Now your truly has a problem. On Monday I go for X-rays of my kidney which we are all hoping will turn out to be alright. You know part of the story. After the removal of the stones in the kidney, I have never ceased to have the said kidney free from infection. I am allergic to penicillin. So I was on Wintomylon at the beginning of the year, when I had such an awful time. Thereafter I became resistant to this drug and was put Penbritten. In June I became resistant to this drug and when Bongji told me about this I saw Solly and asked him what I should do he advised I continue with the said drug. I could not very well question him on this, feeling that I did not understand what the meaning of resistant was I continued with this drug. 6 Tablets a day. At the end of August, I had dizzy spells and one evening I could not breathe and ran for Solly late one evening. But he said what the hell was this anxiety neurosis for? I shouted at him saying that there was nothing new had come into my life that had not been there for some time. So he examined me, and found that I needed blood. I was given this at hospital. Thereafter when I fell ill at night, his lecom did these calls. He had my urine examined and it was confirmed that I was resistant to Pen and had to be put back on Wintomylon. I asked Sol about this and he said there were no ill effects from this and I should not worry. Obviously Sol slipped up, but how can I be angry with him. It is just that he is so overworked. It was not intentional - how could he? He says there are no side effects from this drug. But I don't believe him there. Reg says I should not worry she is going to find out and do something about it. I went to see a white quack soon there after with all the kids, not that white means perfection, efficiency NO I cannot go to a quack without his getting to know my background and diagnosing accordingly. I wanted to go to someone who did not know me. He wanted to see my husband. The same old story. Sorry no charge. I have been awfully drugged for the last 8 weeks, only because I did want to get done with the exams, you should have seen the array. AJ was so shocked he could not speak to me for hours. Anyway I start with the X-rays on Monday and if they dictate that the Kidney should come out, out it will come. I shall keep you posted. Tim will visit you on the 28th of this month permit willing and she will give you the whole story. What with postal delays? In all these circumstances I have decided to postpone my visit ^{to} you this year. Cash will be needed for so much from now on. Not being at work these two months has not helped any. I have borrowed to keep the home fires burning. I have to work like the devil to pay up. Did you say we were so well organised.

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The other problem about visit is that Jabu and Don may not be coming at the end of the year. But we will confirm ^{later} ~~this at the end of the year~~. They are chronically broke. Not a day passes without mention of this. Sometimes I think this chronic talk of a sick society is really a symptom of a sick mind.

Sometimes I tell you things to which I don't wish a reply. Even though I may appear so to do. I am rather anxious that we put good use to the little paper we have at our disposal. No there is no Grey Street group area as such. But I don't think one has any illusions about this. If anything gave birth to it I think grey did. Where we will go to is beyond me. However we shall face that situation when it arises.

Sahdhan is up and saying to his brother there is a black man who heads every sporting endeavour, Cassius Clay, Pele, Gary Sobers, D'Oliviera Papwa. Don't talk about the musicians.. Louis Armstrong, Mehta, Sammy Davies, Ella Paul Robeson. Despite.....

He adds as an afterthought why Mr Rajab of council fame has one gold, silver contraption of which there are only five in the world. He is in class with Rajab junior and is on the ball with reference to all the exotic acquisitions of the said He has just read the paper and says every paper he sees pictures of bobby's and their dogs. They are only strong because they have dogs and pistols. What do you know.

I have not heard from Ruby and I am rather worried about her. I do hope nothing untoward has beset our party sooth. But she is lazy about writing. So I had better not attach too much importance to this silence.

Tim has given up her exams. She feels that she will never complete her degree. I wish I were her. What I would not give to have one night of undisturbed sleep. Look here have I told you that this how I have planned your home coming. We hope to have bought you enough clothes for two days and the rest you will have to buy when you come out. We shall meet you at the jail. I shall bring you home and give you the keys. Leave enough food for all of you. Then I shall take myself off to a hotel and sleep for as long as I can. I shall only return when I have had enough. My sons think this an excellent idea. YOU?

Ro and Sheila are going to tour the Union the lucky devils. They hope to go to Mozambique if time permits. Next year they plan to go to London.

Oh yes I applied for permission to go about my court duties the usual permit to traverse those august precincts. The Honourable the minister says NO. He will review the position when my ban ends in March 1971. Surely if it ends this question will be academic. If not, then only does the point arise as to my seeking permission. Maybe I see too much in this, but then I have never had any illusions about it. Next year marks the 10th anniversary of our Republic already massive celebrations to which mostly school children will contribute are afoot. But the thought of these celebrations has only one thought in my mind MAYBE a remission. Why if murderers can have same why not all of you.