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Dear Phyllis,

Many apologies for not writing sooner.

We were very sorry to hear of your domestic upheaval. What a time you must have had - after all the strain of maintaining your family while your ex-husband was in prison, the divorce must have seemed like the last straw. Be assured that you do have all our sympathy. We hope that you are now settled to a new life. And the children too. Is your little girl still with you?

Your last letter went to our old address in Leeds, and was delayed in reaching us. Nothing very much has happened to us in the past year. Jennifer is three now, and a very lively child. She is looking forward eagerly to Christmas - it is the first time she has really appreciated it. Kofi continues to work hard for his qualifications in surgery. I was working in the library of a government department up to last month. Now I am in charge of the library in a large boys' school in

North London. The boys are as noisy and unmanageable as children seem to be these days - at least English city children are, I don't know whether the same applies in S.A. So I am keeping my fingers crossed that I can survive.

In the wider world some things seem to get better, and some worse. The political changes in Portugal, hence in the Portuguese colonies, would seem to have wide reaching implications for all southern African. Even the white Rhodesians seem to be realising that they can't live barricaded in their minority rule forever.

However here in Britain our main political problem - the Northern Ireland situation - drags on without any foreseeable solution. I suppose it is as ironical that the very first British colony continues to give us trouble, long after we have disposed of all the others. You will probably have read of the Irish terrorist bombings which have taken innocent lives in several of our big cities recently. We just have to live in hopes that common sense and goodwill will prevail.

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Love,
Grace and Kofi