

December 12, 1982

Dear Phyllis & Sukho (on carbon),

I'm not sure what I can possibly add to Monroe's letter, for his thoughts were also my own - the shock & horror of that first tiny article in the Indian newspapers and the awful uncertainty as we waited (& still wait) for more news. There was tremendous relief at the words from Mrs. MacBride - "She is fine..." and yet we know the pain that surrounds you and us as the reality & the cost of the attack slowly reach us here. We did meet with your representative here though she had ^{no} more news than that from the newspaper. She, like Mandela, and you and others, was a living example of Nelson's words "there is ~~no~~ easy walk to freedom & many will have to pass through the valley of the shadow of death before the mountain tops are reached." Though aspiring toward & believing in the mountain top, it is difficult & painful me to acknowledge the necessity of that shadow of death. Yet historically freedom struggles have always been costly & South Africa's particularly so... yet those who have suffered most remain most dedicated to the rightness of their cause - and so, I can but offer my love and support to you... for though the struggle is long & costly, justice & freedom will be the victor, the immediacy of that shadow of death clouds the mountain top... but does not diminish it... We are with ^{you} through every step, Phyllis. Be strong for we love you & are thinking of you & the others constantly, let us know how we can help -

With love,

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later - and we have learned of Zola... the perfect example of the kind of man a free south Africa needs... we're sick -

Lol
Mandela