

#4 GLENARIFF, 96 Umbilo Road, Durban 4001. S.A. 15/4/97

My dear Carol and Bud,

I am replying to your letter of March 30th in an orange recycled envelope, with a pretty address at Flagstaff, the hills all iced and the nude trees in front. Very Very pretty. Despite the airmail it took 15 days to arrive.

Helene Dolney (I think) Joe Slovo's wife had just been appointed head of the Land Bank. She worked with Sahnhan. She phoned to say Sanna knew more about banking and he should have the job. Someone else chirps in saying Derek must thank his lucky stars that Sanna is no more. He sits in his place.

All very nice ne? I wish it would stop the bleeding.

I went to JHB to parties every night. A 70th birthday as well to which nearly 50 people came. It was a celebration in advance. If I am alive for 5/1/98 no party will be held. It has been held - I collected a number of presents. It was Gonda's idea.

Here we have been unearthing bodies. In the OFS there were 4 one of whom was Reggie - I knew him as such in Maseru. He had dinner with me before leaving for SA. He never returned while we waited. Then we heard he was killed in the Transkei. Here in Natal we have 9 bodies - 7 bodies the two others we have a confession that they were thrown into the Tugela River. It was horrible seeing the family being told of their deaths.

I do not think I am unique. 8 years after the death of my son he is as real as he was on the day we wished him a happy birthday of the 4/4/89. I can hear his laughter. His entire body shaking with joy. All these mothers carry vivid memories of their dead children. So many ghosts here. Too many ghosts.

The photographs are lovely. Buck is beautiful. So too Louis. Andrew looks very unhappy. Suks is good. The Ragados are beautiful. How is their garden? They are great gardeners. Did you see Krish. He avoided us while he was here. I went to the tourist shop and the girls had gone to JHB. I am going there possibly tomorrow. Edi loved the pic of her eating a buni-chow and took it home with her. Thank you. How was Sandy Katz and Peggy?

I must go now. Love you

Phyl.