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My dear Luisa,

Mr and Mrs Boventura were here and told me that he was going to Cuba in March and would take a letter to you.

I hope the suit will fit your mother, the track suit for Ernesto & sweets, files for you. Animal cloth for Ernesto.

I hope you are well and Ernesto too. I hope your family are well. The next letter you must send me a photo of your family. Your Mum, Dad brothers and sisters if any.

I am not working now. I have blood pressure, sugar diabetes. At 70 what can you expect. Did I tell you Suks has another son Louis born 16/11/96. When was Ernesto born ?

Dont worry too much about shoes for Ernesto. I did not wear shoes until I was 11. I wanted to buy him shoes, but if I dont get the right size it is worse for Ernesto. If you can put both feet on a piece of paper and trace it as accurately as possible and send it to me. In fact on every letter you write send his feet size saying right or left.

I am probably moving into an old age facility where someone will walk in daily. I would hate to have died and no one knows for days. So I am trying to get rid of all my possessions. I want to leave my BOOKS to Cuba. Can be used for researchers and visitors to Cuba WHO WILL FIND SOMETHING TO READ IN A LANGUAGE THEY UNDERSTAND. My grandparents came to this country and did not understand their employers. When Sha came to Cuba even the South African ANC could not talk to each other until they learnt Spanish. When I went to Hungary after I was bombed I nearly went mad. I could not understand the doctors and nurses- so I would not let them touch me until I saw Sahdhan who was a student there. Sahdhan too suffered from lack of language until he learnt Hungarian and then he was able to understand his comrades.

So in memory of Sahdhan and Sha I will leave my books to the Cuban people and to those Cubans who gave their lives for Africa's freedom. Tell me what you think.

I go to JHBurg next week to give this parcel to Boventura.
Love ypu

Phyllis