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Date: Friday, July 09, 1999 2:50 AM
Subject: Durban expedition saga update

Dearest Phyllee: Things get tangled up & unentangled at I don't know who's whim. Maybe God's? Like I said, all the most unexpected things happen, you get the most unexpected replies. Serial K is back to pestering everyone (the flu didn't do away with him) so I rang him today to tell him about the trip and to remind him he promised to drop in a kind word if we had charter troubles. He replied: "Well, if they say it's full, what can I do?" Well, that's the bad news. The good (surprising) news was that he added: "Why don't you call John or Lenine? You know it's them who run the charter flights, it's SAn Health Min.that pays for it."

Well, I never expected him to tell me something like that. Anyway, tomorrow I will proceed as follows: 1) call the people at the Medical Unit to whom we sent the letter requesting the two plane seats. If they say no, then Entralgo & I will be going to see John personally. 2) Entralgo was calling a vice-minister at cooperation this afternoon to see if they can do something; 3) I called a young Cuban lady who's a friend of mine and works with John; she's on leave, but will be at her office on Monday, and she says she can help.

Well, that's all for today. And believe me, I skipped a lot of junk and summarized, so you don't have to read so much. Tomorrow is the big, decisive day. Will get back to you then. Sit tight & cross your fingers. Love, David.

PS: Sis is here, sends her love. Olga, the cleaning lady at CEAMO always tells me to do the same, and I always forget.

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Subject: Re: How to fix a flat tyre. 2 Easy Lessons

Tuesday 6th July, 1999 at 9.30pm

There is a programme on Angola as I write to you. So here goes the tyre repair. Remove the tube and place in a basin of water. Try to find the hole. Clean with some muti and paste with patch. Pump up and replace tyre.

When I was in Santiago de Cuba - (Is Luisa back ?) Mirabel had 7 blowouts the night before.

So you have broken your tooth. What happened to your dentist ?
 Peace is elusive in Angola now as it ever was.. We thought Quito gave us back Angola. What happened?

I am surprised that the Doctors did not take advantage of your expertise on Africa. In fact its criminal. Especially since doctors are apolitical in your society as well as ours.

I found they did not know their poets, their artists, some musicians. They are good doctors but not great human beings.

From what I learn of them they had difficult times with both Black and White racists. In any event, I think they should have some language lessons either in Cuba or in SA. How can doctors be effective without language. I think SA should provide the language laboratory.

About that phone call and the 3 responses. Can it. I want you in one piece when you arrive here. Get Zelmys to phone. She will rattle them on the other side. Hang in there. Take care of your cat which needs care. Animals are easier to deal with than humans. I'm having hell here. But I wont burden you. Get that tyre fixed and go to work tomorrow.

Love you PhyllieMs.

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 >Dear Phyllie: