

From: Phyllis Naidoo <phyllie@iafrica.com>
To: David Gonzalez <ceamo@ceniai.inf.cu>
Date: Thursday, May 27, 1999 11:05 PM
Subject: Re: Calling David.

Thursday 27th May, 1999 10pm

Hi David,

We returned from Hluhluwe park (about two and a half hours from Durban) with Suks, Liz No. 1 & 2 and myself this afternoon. Suks, 1 & 2 stayed on in Stanger. Liz goes with Roy to visit his project in Chatsworth tomorrow. We left on Monday & arrived in Hluhluwe late afternoon. It is a one horse town. But the park and its animals are a great attraction. People queue from all over the world to see the wonders of Africa. Mainly white people. I found the whole business offensive.

On Tuesday we left in those open 4 wheeler. The two boys sat on either side of me. Why they choose me in preference to their mother I am still trying to work out. She sat in front with the guide Mark. Two others and Liz. We were promised the big 5- I think that is the lion, Elephant, giraffe, rhino & buffalo (I think) We saw a giraffe, what a fuss was made by the sight of any animal. What was in abundance was those striped horses - zebras. They are beautiful. I could just as easily see it at home on TV. Both 1 & 2 bounced around on my stomach when they feared some wildebeeste. The pressure was too much and the usual consequences were suffered. Is this what being grandmum entails.

Liz wore me down. She is boring - always offering advice until I told her to shut up. Then she asks like a child - can I speak now ? She goes to Lesotho for a week. Happy days are here again.

Suks leaves on Sunday. More happy days. I am phoned tonight - are you at home granny ? No 1 has taken to making passionate love to his grandma. Kisses me knocking out my teeth. I tell Suks to rescue me from her son on heat. Where have they learnt this - from flower or TV. While I am talking he kisses me on the mouth. Lou says leave my gran alone!

On Saturday Suks is 33 and she wants a party. We are going to a Thai restaurant. It sounds lovely. Probably be my last birthday present to her.

Last night Suks and I watched Manchester United beat the German team. It was a tough boring match until 10 minutes before end of the match when they scored two goals to win.

I am here. What is your news ? When do you arrive ?

Love you

Phyllie

-Original Message-----

From: Phyllis Naidoo <phyllie@iafrica.com>
To: David Gonzalez <ceamo@ceniai.inf.cu>
Date: Sunday, May 23, 1999 4:37 PM
Subject: Reply to getting in touch again.

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>David, It is 3.20pm on the 23rd May, 1999.

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>After I emailed you early this morning, this Amoi (my computer) told me I
>had 7 emails. You were amongst them. Since I will be away till Friday and
>the 29th on Saturday is Suks birthday, and the fellas 1 & 2 are leaving for
>Harare on the 30th, I am writing your Saturday 29th letter today. Hows
that?

>In SA we say " 'n mens maak a plan"

>It had not hit me that you were a Latino and I and Anglo. But thats right.

>Look here we are sending you a video of the 14th. Or better still I will

>hold it till you come in August.

>I had a lovely Chaucerian letter from Miguel. It was lovely. I have sent
his

>reply. I think as soon as you are well, you should make a fortnightly visit

>to Miguel. I think it is too much for him to call on you. PLEASE. Have you

>got his address? I want to send him some cash. He was working at 75. I am

>sure that he could not manage on that. What do you think. Will it be

>problematic for him? Or should I send him some provisions. Talk to me
David.

>Peter has just rung Liz and they are going hammer and tongs already.

>I have asked you to ask Nerissa for help with the department that will

>afford you facilities for study/research. You know History, Law, Politics,

>Humanities etc. I am so far removed from matters academic, I asked to
remove

>my "hat" while I made my speech. Told Prof Ramashalla it was too heavy for

>my soft head.

>Also email the video man JUNAID and tell you are ready to come. Outline
your

>project and ask for help - camera etc.

>Derek whether in or out of cabinet will help with SAN. Did you respond to

>his secretary. Tell me about it. Or we could borrow a camera.

>Permission for UDW library. Talk to Nerissa. She will take you daily to
UDW.

>You have to cultivate some friends.

>I am going to make enquiries about our requirements with filming. I will
let

>you know.

>Both of you have aCCOMODATION here. You dont have to pay for. Dont give me

>the Cuban macho stuff. All 3 will share the chores of this

flat. Dishwashing,

>laundry, cooking, washing up etc. As long as you do not want royal fare and

>can put up with what I have to offer we shall have no problems. You should

>get an international driving licence, so that we could borrow a car -

unless

>I can buy one before then.

>So there are no problems - so dont create any. WE shall be able to deal

with

>the doctoral thesis and the video. What more do you want.

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>It is 5Ms. Phyllis Naidoo
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>Please send attached documents in MS Word or rich text format !!pm so let
me
>leave you till Sunday 30th not sooner. Love Phyllie.

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