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**Date:** Wednesday, September 15, 1999 11:13 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Why the silence - 15/9/99

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Hi Phyllis,

First of all I would like to thank you for the curry powder and the cumin you sent me. I think Walter and David told you I love Indian spices. They are OK. We received your message in the morning but we have spent the day in meetings. I'm sure David will answer you tomorrow. Nevertheless, I will print this message today and I will read it to him by phone, provided he is home of course, I hope he will be and answer. If not rest assured that he will write tomorrow.

Well my dear Phyllie, this is to thank you and let you know that everything is OK with the e-mail. Receive my very best wishes and good luck with the book and your projects. Hoping to hear from you soon  
 Kisses

Ana

At 15/09/99 10:58:00 PM, you wrote:

>Wednesday 15th September, 1999 at 10.30pm

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>Today is 10 years and 5 months since my Sahdhan was assassinated. How quickly time flies.

>I wrote you this morning telling you about Pretoria and thanking Ana for her email. Are you receiving me? I did say that I won't be writing to you once you're in Cuba. However I do want to know that you have arrived and that the jet lag is behind you. I promise I shall keep my promise.

>I should tell you that I received letters today from you dated 9th May, 16th May, and 23rd May - all registered.

>I have checked them and except for the horror of you taking the broom to frighten the cat - come to think of this I am reminded of your affinity for snakes and frogs. Sheltering frogs in your loo and harrassing cats do not make sense. But still I have learned a side of you I had not met in Cuba. I am sure there is more that has evaded me as I am sure you did of me.  
 >Today also I had photos of you and Walt at the entrance to the harbour, Deva's birthday and dinner with Kiru - all the places/people you resented me introducing you to. So sorry. This is my country, this is my home, these are my friends and this is me. If I misled on any score I am sorry. The one at your cruel best when we shopped for a camera for you.  
 >Jeeva was here and he tells me he misses you two. He came to grieve with me.  
 >No way, I am not grieving. Why should I? Anyway my sister who is staying with me cooked fish curry - real cordon bleu. After polishing off a hefty

- >meal and congratulating my sister on her excellent cooking he went off
- >promising to return with some lovely photos he took off you two at Kathy's
- >book launch. So I will keep mine and send them to you.
- >I think you dont have to write to me about TRC matters. You can email John
- >directly. He phoned me in an awful mood in Pretoria. My sister gave him my
- >phone number - must be pretty important - has a plan to bring you back -
- >please find new accomodation. I will not inflict you with my home again.
- >Promise.
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- >Must go now - my sister wants me to watch a film with her.
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