

Anto Bent 20/2/99

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From Phyllis Naidoo  
c/o per kindness Antionette Conning.

David,

Let me explain the e-mail

1. Gonda my daughter is in CT. She gets the e-mail and then faxes it to me in Durban.
2. Nerissa at ramdhani etc is at UDW. When she gets the email she has to phone and deliver it at my home - about 16miles.
3. Anto, my friend at UDW till the end of the month has a wonderful husband - Rodney who delivers my messages. Only till month end.

Hopefully I shall have my own e-mail soon. As you can see this is just hectic mail delivery. Also both Nerissa and Anto have to type my letter to you. This means that I am limited in the use of my own language ie use of slimeball limited. I am intollerant of ghettos. Your email of the 18/2 per Gonda reached me yesterday at midday.

1. My fax of the 7th December - you called diarrhoea - if you had read it all the confusion could have been avoided. Dont blame the packer. She is a screwball, forgetful - at 71 who expects better. MUGS. Except for Dr Olivera (DG) and Walterio I know nobody at Mundo Latino. If you were too ill you should have given bags (2) to my friends at party hotel. Still its over. Ke sera ke sera.

2. Did you give small black bag to Miguel ?

3. There was a canvas bag from Robben Island for Norma at the Party Hotel. No one can have that but Norma. So if it has been given to anyone else, get Walter to get it back and see that Norma has it. She gave me a beautiful Cuban bag. PLEASE.

4. What about gifts to Julio at Panama disabled centre. Please I am asking for the umpteenth time - give me their proper address. PLEASE. You do not mention him. Did it come ? He gave me such beautiful gifts on his constrained purse.

5. The 3rd parcel packed at over R100.00 you say was broken. Is Sha's certificate destroyed ? Luisa will be mad at me.

6. No letter from Clara Pulido - Ive not heard from you since 9/12 - where most of your letter was to Carol. In fact I was sure that the Asian flu had arrived and gone. There was a great sense of relief after the initial pain. I dont think I could deal with another bout of flu. This variety is a killer. Did you get 3 letters from Zimbabwe - Diana Sarracino ? Let me know. She is at University.

7. I hope Olga got something from my bags. She deserves it more than Mundo Latino. Give her a hug and tell her I remember her with much affection.

8. One simple question about underwear of colleagues is - How do you know ?

9. I wondered at how easily you could give up your rock Art project - into which you put so much. I could not believe what I was reading. Of course you internalised it - and is probably what made you so ill. I should be a shrink ne ? Maybe you are sheltered in that loving society of yours. Maybe. Rumour has it that our struggle pension is going overboard - we have to fight to live.

10 Odendaal is probably the same fellow. He is the head of R.Is project. We are at war. With Kathy they are more concerned with the men in cells. I say that story cannot be told without the women they left behind. If most of them were illiterate can you imagine their families. I had to deal with that. They dont want to hear. But they will.

11. Idiot. Dont tear the page out of Siyaya. It has such divers views and is much sought after commemorate issue. Have you read Mundani article ? Why anyone would want my stupid mug on the wall is beyond me. Still it takes all sorts.

12. What did I say about UDW that made you so orgasmic ? Why did you include Abel - Is he looking for a job ? Why dont you study the internet and check on the jobs there. Sunday Times and Mail and Guardian. Universities are cutting down. Gerwel was saying about 4 universities will be closed soon.

13. When we talked about our views on marital bliss soon after your shocking unapologised outburst on spouse behaviour, there was agreement that it was a mugs game. Views have not changed with or without lobolo and certainly old goats will never be part of the equation. You cannot teach an old dog old tricks what? However you can come as my friend to stay to regain your health or to make enquiries about your doctoral studies. What is your thesis on ?

20. I called D's secretary who told me that she had previously sent you stuff. She did not answer her Cell, but derek answered. I left a message for him to call me. Its now weekend and he will respond on Monday if he does. Do you still need this ?

Please get well and let me know how you decide.

Much love,

Phyllis