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Robben Island Jail
17th February 1979

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My Dear Zohra,

Your letter of 16th January reached me on 3rd Feb. By now you should have received my letters of 30th December and 27th January. I hope Enver got the birthday card I sent on 2nd Dec. I've also written to Bibi and Djanilla. On 30 Dec. I also wrote to Dasso. Please mention it to him if you happen to be writing. The overseas photo you referred to, did you mean the one of Roshan? I did receive that thanks.

I'm glad you eventually managed to get the Tagbhay house. I always thought you wanted it for yourself and Enver. But I suppose a four bed-room house would have been a bit big for you, unless of course you were keeping a room for me. Is the house far from your flat? You know I just have no idea how big Lenz is. This Tagbhay chap; I wonder if he is the brother of Goolam. We were in the same class right up to matric. He had settled years ago in Brazil. I met him when he had come to S.A. for a holiday; he was very happy there. Already at that time there were a number of other South Africans whom I knew who had emigrated there. It seems Brazil has a special attraction for our fellow countrymen. No wonder a certain doctor, much ~~sought after~~ ^{looked-for} by the S.A. Govt, was rumoured to have sought refuge there. I read some time ago that under Brazilian Law a person cannot be extradited if he happens to have fathered a child from a Brazilian woman. Perhaps the learned doctor had that in mind. But then that could lead to yet another scandal. And in this case the Church also would have something to say about it.

Please congratulate all the kids for their success in the exams. You will tell me sometime what the post-matric ones are planning to do. I hope Fatima does not change her mind about physiotherapy. It should be a very interesting and useful profession. How many courses has Boy to his credit? I must say Lybal's choice of majors seems a bit strange. Geography and Islamic studies are so unrelated.

You remember I told you I had written to Dr Karim of Bethal in connection with his ~~the~~ doctoral thesis on the influence of Arabic on Afrikaans. Apparently he has already replied and also sent some religious book. That's very nice of him.

I am very sorry to hear that Shireen's marriage lasted only 5 months. I have not yet had her letter. I suppose she is staying with her mother again. I've been so attached to that family, especially the children. Shireen has always been my favourite. I was present the night she was born, and suggested the name. I wish she'd send her father's address in Canada.

Please congratulate Hava on her marriage. Whom did she marry? How is Tiny getting on?

Poppy and his family seem to be coming regularly for holidays. What are the chances of getting hold of their photos? I don't suppose you ever managed to get ~~hold~~ their address again.

It is quite late. I'm going to end here. I'll write again soon. I'm getting on fine. My application to study was turned down. I am disappointed.

Keep well. Lots of love to you, and all at home. Say Happy birthday to Papa on the 11th.

all the best, from
Omk.

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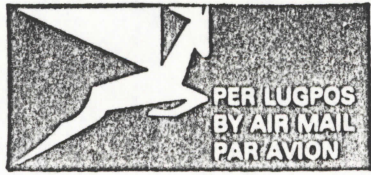
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AHMED.
MAY YOU SEE MANY MORE. I
HOPE YOU WERE ABLE TO GO AWAY FOR
YOUR HOLIDAY. I AM EAGER TO HEAR ABOUT
YOUR TRIP.

KEEP WELL. LOTS OF LOVE TO FARIDA, LEILA,
ZAHED, SHEHNAZ, ISMAIL, RASHI AND ALL THE
FAMILY.

EVERYTHING OF THE BEST TO YOU.

From,
Om Ashraf

Rabha Island Jail
January 1979



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TUESDAY 4 5 32.
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DEAREST YINELL
THIS IS MY TENTH ATTEMPT AND I AM DEFINITELY
GOING TO SUCCEED IN WRITING TO YOU.
EVERY TIME I WRITE I START FEELING SICK,
I CAN PICTURE YOU SITTING BEHIND THAT DIRTY
SET OF GLASS WHERE WE COULD BARELY
HEAR OR SEE YOU PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR

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A. M. Kashiwade
Roshni Island Jail
2nd August 1980

My Dear Dase,

Thanks a lot for your long-awaited letter. It reached me on 7th June. A couple of weeks thereafter I got a letter from Bobby. He promised to write a longer one soon. A big 'thank you' to you for the Olympics Book, which by a fine coincidence was given to me on the opening day of the games in Moscow. It certainly has a wealth of information, and is doing its rounds among my fellow prisoners. Throughout the games we've been getting a daily 15-minute BBC broadcast from Moscow. It was thrilling to hear some of exciting commentaries. By all accounts the games have been a great success. It was pathetic to hear of the substitute arrangements made for the American team, and the issuing of medals to them! It sounded farcical. No wonder the ~~am~~ report said there was no enthusiasm among the team members and a number of them stayed away. A few months ago we saw a film of the Munich Olympics. It gave us a glimpse of what the games are like. Let's hope a film of the Moscow games will be available soon.

You can't imagine how wonderful it is to be able to listen to the radio news, and to read Time magazine. Best of all, we recently heard that we are going to be allowed newspapers. We don't know yet which newspapers it will be, but whatever they decide it is going to make a big difference to us. While we are on the question of news let me sound a word of caution to you. Let us try to avoid discussing political events in our letters, as far as possible. As you can see we are going to be fairly well informed about happenings; so, apart from other considerations, I don't want you to be expending energy unnecessarily. What I do want you to continue doing is to keep me informed about the more personal things - about the family, the friends, the kids, etc. In other words let us carry on as we have been doing all these years. I don't really want to inhibit you. There are things, for instance that may be political, but which cannot be avoided because they have such a direct bearing on your lives. I'm thinking of things like the Thatcher government's cutting down on expenditure on education and social services, the Bristol disturbances, the huge unemployment, etc. Before leaving this topic, let me ask you whether you know an Anand Naudas. A little while ago we heard him a couple of times over reporting for Radio Today from Europe. He seems to be a South African.

This reminds me of Anand and Deenan. How are they getting on? I think Anand must have been a year or two old when I last saw him. You did mention ^{in your latest card} that his uncle Vel had

been on a visit to India. Is he still so attached to his employers! Please give him and Patsy my love. Incidentally you haven't mentioned a word for some time now about Pupi and her hubby Manikum. I hope they are well. Is he still so involved with the music world and the arts? I think it was you who mentioned that he had been doing some writing and that he had already succeeded in publishing a biography. What ever happened to the LP he was working on? I wonder how much progress Stretch has made with his book. Has Sakina's thesis been published at all? Sometime ago you said Sakina was "studying" at a university. Didn't you mean lecturing perhaps? I hope she is well. When last did you see or hear of her? I suppose she's most of the time on the Continent. You said I should write to her. Well I don't know, I have thought of doing so, but then discretion had the better of me. I don't want to be doing anything that ~~may~~ ^{may} cause embarrassment. Incidentally many years ago we talked of Betty, the British wife of the Greek seaman who was in jail for 17 years. At the time 17 years seemed an eternity. In July we finished 17 years since Rivonia! I wonder if Sakina recalls the discussion.

At one time you threatened to sunbathe my nephew Daseya again if he didn't write. Well I really don't think you should undertake any such drastic surgical ventures. We had long ago settled the question about his writing. I'm quite satisfied that he won't write. But we will keep each other informed through you or Bobby. Bobby gave ~~me~~ him my message, but instead of waiting for Daseya to add a few lines in his letter, Bobby should have just included some information about him; about his health, work, sporting and social activities, marital position etc. That would be much more satisfactory. And that is what you should do. Ask him if he ever sees Rabia. I'm sure a joint effort by the two of them, with your or Bobby's help will give me a lot of information about that errant part of my family. But please don't wait for him to write. Don't try to persuade him either. Let us agree that he won't write at all - and it's better that way - and you just do the rest. Okay!

We were shocked to learn of Cecil's death. What did he die of? Was he still so engrossed in theatre work? Another death I recently learnt of, quite by accident, was that of Jack from Cape Town. Can you tell me more about it? Or did it you know him at all? He was a good friend of mine. You may have met him at the flat. He used to spend a lot of time with us whenever he came to Johannesburg. If you happen to know his sister, Ethel, please convey my condolences to her.

I was reaching some old things lately, and came across a bit about my friend,

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Stan, from Kiptown. His former pal Gerard was writing about Stan's partiality for certain South African beverages; and I was quite amused. A good portion of it is scurrilous, and made my blood boil. The reference to Stan brought back a host of memories. I wonder where he is these days. Some years ago, I think it was Hanuman who said that Stan landed in London and was in bad shape. I never heard a thing since.

Do you hear anything about Rissik? I assume you never have occasion to run into one another, even at social functions held by South Africans. The last I heard he was a successful barrister.

I must nag you once more about photos. The only response I had so far was the one of Roshan's. In fact I want more of hers, and of other kids. Do you ever see Harry and family? Or should I leave it to Bobby to organise their photos? What about Vanitha, Vigan, Zoya, Shaun, Deha, Robin etc? Did I ever ask you to say 'thank you' to Roshan for the photo, and for the few lines at the back? Please do so and ask her to send more photos. Also wish her daddy a happy birthday.

I must end now. Did Zuhra mention to you that we are going to be allowed to pursue university studies again? There is even talk of allowing postgraduate degrees. I haven't made up my mind yet, but will most probably do History Honours. If I can't follow her physically I might as well ~~not~~ follow the academic path set out by a certain lady we know. What do you say?

Look after yourself. Recently we heard over the radio that teaching had become an occupational hazard in the UK, with increasing incidents of violence against teachers. I hope you are teaching at a "safe" school.

Lots of love to Sally, Vanitha, Vigan - and to all the friends and families.

All the best to you from
Amk

P.S. Please don't wait for Bobby to write. Just do your own thing.

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A.M. Kathrada
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18th November 1984

Sirs,
I have previously written to you in connection with the non-receipt of Staffrider. The last one I received was Vol. 5 No. 3 1983.

I asked my nephew to check if you had not perhaps stopped sending me copies because my subscription may have expired. He was, however, informed that my subscription had not expired and I would be receiving the magazine as usual. That was a few months ago. In the meantime I understood there was an article for advertisement which referred to a recent Staffrider, and Classic magazine. I have not yet received this issue. I don't know if this was the first since No. 2 of 1983, but if there were issues in between, I'll appreciate if you will include them together with the latest.

Do you also supply Classic magazine? If so could you please send me a copy, together with relevant details.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely

P.S. If you latest book catalogue Kathrada available please send me a copy

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Sirs,
I wrote to you on 13th February in connection with the non-receipt of Staffrider, but received no reply.

Just to remind you, I mentioned that the last issue which I received was Vol. 5 No. 3, 1983. I don't know if there were any issues after this. Or it is possible that my subscription has expired. Please let me know what the position is. If a subscription has expired I shall appreciate if you will reserve for me all issues subsequent to Vol. 5 No. 3, 1983, and let me know. I shall send you the cost of the back issues plus the renewal of my subscription.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

A.M. Kathrada

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In 1939 you published "Gold and Wages" by L. M. G. and "The New World" by L. M. G. Have you published any other books since then?

I have seen a review of Volume 3 of "The New World" in your journal. I am interested in this book and would like to know more about it.

Do you publish any periodicals?

I hope you will be able to send me as much information as possible. I am a post graduate student at African Affairs (Tampere) and am particularly interested in literature related to this course.

Thank you
Yours faithfully,
Osmo Kallio

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Yours faithfully,
Osmo Kallio

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A M Karmahle

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17th July 1964

My Dear Nazim,

This is just a short note in connection with the books.

I was today given the following books:

1. J S Nkolikungu - Changing South Africa

2. J G. Gerhart - Black Power in South Africa. This is the photocopy. It is very well done.

The outstanding matter is a relation to Wabine. The Air of African Nationalism in South Africa.

You said you had also sent a photocopy of this. Could you please try to recall the date Registration numbers etc, and let me know.

Sorry for giving you so much trouble.

Hope you and all the books are happy with.

Kind regards from

PhK

When you get a chance, please forget to arrange to send a young ideology and environment in Africa from back and forth.

City Press

Although Mrs Jane should continue with her work in this regard, I am sending R12-00 to Allied Publishing for a 6-month subscription for City Press

Staff Note

I note the is published by Kova Press 230 W. 11th St. Boise 316. Box 31134, Boise 316. Phone 643 3332. I wrote to them on 13 Feb and 18 April about the non-receipt of staff note but had no reply. The last issue I received was Vol 5 No 3 1963. Their subscription is reported to have been published after Oct 1963 and I would like to hear from them all.

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9th May 1964

Professor J. A. Kotze
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Dear Professor Kotze,

Thank you for your letter of 30th March and 16th April. I received the Guides and Tutorial letters on 18th April and have since been busy preparing assignments.

I shall try my best to do more assignments than the minimum requirements, but having registered so late I don't know to what extent I will succeed.

I am really writing in connection with OAVRTO-T.

The Radicalisation of Black politics in South Africa; - moderation to militancy.

It is proposed to employ the term Black in the wider context to include the coloured and Indian political bodies. Period. From the founding of the APO in 1959 to the present, depending of course on the availability of material to cover the 70s and 80s. The emphasis, naturally will be on the Afri-continental organisation

I hope to receive your comments, and suggestions for material.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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