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Dear Benjee,

Like you, I was also terribly disappointed that because of the intervention of fate, I was unable to meet you.

I was at home the whole of Tuesday night because I was expecting your call. I had actually phoned my daughter in Alice on Monday, and I got it from her that Veronica was on holiday in Durban. Knowing that you had arranged to go to Alice on Wednesday, I waited for your call in order to stop you from going to Alice. But my telephone line was giving me trouble, and you might have 'phoned just at the wrong time.

I did not go to my office on Wednesday as I had motored to Transkei to send my daughter to a boarding school. I am extremely sorry for this mishap.

I had occasion to telephone Veronica a few days after her return from Durban. She was also very sorry that you could not meet. I'm sure she was anxious to hear about the book. I shall also give her a ring soon.

Best regards and good wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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