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Dear Hilda + Rusty I have found a letter from the end of July here. On a brief return to UK - in fact we decided against landing the car at Dar because every report was a) that it would take weeks to clear Customs + b) that parts would keep disappearing from the car. So we took the plunge + shipped to Durban - Alan had not been back 26 years, banned + named but no one seemed to care. He lectured to a (very radical) Student's architectural Conference in CT + also at Wits + Dba (where I got mixed up in a student demo/police retaliation + got myself bargained quit accidentally.) It was like a ritual dance between students + police, with lots of singing, lecturers jumping garden hoses onto the water cannon (!) + had marvellous symbolic value.

Ruth's paperback on Olive Schreiner was removed from the U bookshop shelves on police orders... we swam in a mixed pool in Joh'burg, decision of a Nationalist City Council that you once sat on.... it was the same but with lots of differences: the liberation movement feels strong + ebullient. People wear ANC T-shirts quite openly - the ANC's legitimacy is now way past any doubt.

I can't say we're enjoying Khome. Dirt, poverty, rampant crime, violence. We've both, like you, lost weight on a sparse diet. We have to filter the water.... it feels a bit like an endurance test but we now have a very nice house with lots of spare

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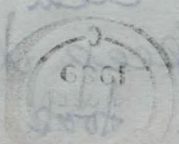
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Bedrooms and mangoes, mulberries,
gnavas + bananas in the walled
garden. What are your plans? Are
you coming to Lusaka to do inter-
views? Has Rusty started work?

Please write - it would be
really good to see you. Our
direct line at Environmental Studies
is Kitwe (2) 215086 + the telex is
CBU ZA 53270. All our love
A+B

About 27th Oct 89

Dear A & B,

It was good to hear from you; people seemed to have vanished out of our lives. I know, I know, it's us that has vanished, but it feels the other way around. We wondered what on earth had happened to you, expecting you to be on your way here, but you did the right thing not landing in Dar.

Your description of Kitwe - dirt, poverty, crime, violence - goes for a large number of African countries. Tanzania, for example. The depressing thing is that it is a deteriorating situation, you can see it sliding into worse and worse mess and corruption.

I was in Lusaka for a week, but that was the week your letter arrived here. I wanted to tie up things, but didn't. Lusaka is awful. Everyone scattered, no communication, no transport, nothing but grey cement walls with razor wire and broken glass and gates like iron prison gates locked and barred at every building and house. I need to spend some time there as there are a lot of people I want to interview, but how to get hold of them in a reasonable succession remains the problem. I was hoping to get a researcher/organiser to arrange a programme for Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, but can't really see it happening.

We are wondering what you are planning to do over Christmas, and if there is any possibility of our joining up for some kind of jaunt. Our problem is no transport. We might be rash and take a plane to Lusaka to try to meet up with you, but would want something more for our money - say a visit to a game area, or Vic Falls, or something like that. Any suggestions? Any information about tours?

So far our stay here has been more fruitful for me than for Rusty, who is reaching the stage where he is just hanging on without anything really productive to do and being miserably bored most of the time. I have done many interviews, it starts rolling after several slow weeks as I get information about different people.

Don't want to write about events back home. People becoming euphoric. Toni sent cuttings from the British press. Well, yes, it is exciting and marvellous and something is happening. It can't come soon enough as far as this place is concerned.

Much love

Friday Aug 16

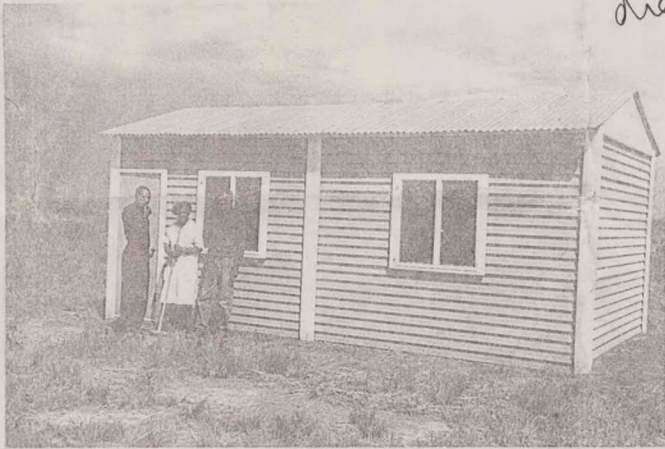
Dear Hilda + Rusty

Your second letter re interviews arrived
the day I spent the morning with Zina
+ Mac — very interesting, and honest,
but not all the things you asked
for. It's one only one side of
each of the three tapes enclosed. I think Joe's
will also help — no co-operation so far from
others.

Han is walking, talking, starting to cook —
gout-ridden from the bloody diuretic (now
stopped) + ^{nauseas from} the anti-gout pills (now stopped...). I took
Beverly Naidoo out to see my friends in the Pwola
Park squatter camp yesterday. She seems an
earnest, humourless bore; they have just had
R14m from the same Govt, via the Indep Devel Trust,
that last year was behind Inkatha, SAP + the
burning down of 600 'informal' homes. A mad world,
post-Inkathagate. And 7 of camp men from the camp have
had only suspended sentences for holding AK 47's!
Is the ANC ready, willing, able for talks? Compared
with the R14m for 45,000, we have just spent R12m on
4 houses in Sandton — + Oliver + Adelaide are
living in the most disgusting luxury: she even complains
the ANC won't pay for her housekeeper to come from
London — it is beyond disgust. I've got onto a Costa-Gavras
screenwriting course! All our
love Beata

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Dear Hilda & Rudy

Our Peter & Kirsty landed on Sunday to spend three weeks with us, and almost immediately we set off for Durban - mostly storm and drizzle since our arrival but it's fun throwing yourself into the sea no matter how many thunderclouds there are. They drop with them that feeling of our Englishness that 25 years living has developed; paradoxically, when I led a discussion on the police at our branch last week I felt overwhelmingly integrated there too. As usual, we don't know who & what we are - fascinated by the return, busy, feeling needed, but not totally immersed. My god, it's going to be a long and never-ending haul just to try & get rid of racism in this country. In spite of what Magistrate De Klerk is saying, and we certainly aren't as well organised as we should be to demand again power. (They've just given 29 white schools - not for integration, but to the 3 'black' departments....) I begin to lose hope that we've got the clout. Have just finished a nice little film on Thirum Nakeba and am plunging into the next. Joe has abdicated on the book someone's supposed to be doing on him - I suppose with the caveat that's an impregnable excuse. In addition to being so busy, I suppose I also got a bit sick of phoning everyone: when do you go to press? And are you both well and thriving? All my love B

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This visit to London has allowed me to finish
my most recent work — doing a feasibility
study for COSATU on designing a mobile
"cultural truck" to take plays, music et al
to factories and also to build community centres
in squatter and other settlements. Really
fascinating work — and useful. I'm reasonably
happy and getting well rapidly. Love to you
HLS

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June 25

Dear Hilda

Skirrid Mountain Inn, Llanfihangel
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My German is not erudite at all
but I get the impression that they're
freeing you from paying double tax
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rights in the matter. But check on me —
look forward to seeing you

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