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My dear Anne,

It took some time before I sent you my congratulatory telegram. It has taken time once more for me to write this letter. But I can assure you that it has not been because of indifference.

Immediately I received the good news from Benjie I phoned the nursing home. But I had the "engaged" signal every time I phoned, throughout the day. And it did not occur to me then to send a telegram; I hoped to get through. The next day I was caught up in office routine and I did not remember to phone again. And so it went.

However, better late than never, We (I am using the royal "we") are delighted at this addition to the family though we feel he could have chosen a more propitious moment for his advent; not when the cost of living is soaring, borders are being closed and terrorism, legal and illegal is the order of the day throughout the world.

Mind you, Jesus bar Joseph was born at a time like this, with the Romans legally terrorising the Jews and the Zealots illegally terrorising the Romans. If you have read your history you will know that he was legally crucified (hanged) and his murderers subsequently murdered those who refused to recognize him as the Son of God. He became known as "The Christ" with a huge following in the west and ultimately became the tribal God of the White man.

But enough of this. How are you otherwise? And how is the young savage? We're fine this end, just

anxious about Miliswa's and Dini's J.C. results which are not out yet. They attend school in Lesotho and Benjie will be able to tell you what to expect from those quarters.

I've just read this months Drum and learn that Jackie Khama, Sir Seretse Khama's daughter underwent plastic surgery to have her nose straightened and her lips trimmed! She married a Hollander two weeks ago and was able to put a fairly straight nose against his and fairly thin lips against his.

I wonder what she will do when very full lips and broad noses become fashionable in the same way as bare breasts and "Afro" hair - the "wooly hair" of white novelists of a few decades ago - are becoming fashionable.

I'm writing my supplementary Exam in Latin on the 20th February. I pray I get it this time.

Hope to see you soon. Love to the kids. How big is Daniel now and how is swimming getting on?

Affectionately,

Bob

BOB.

P.S. Have just received the results.
Dini obtained a First Class pass
and Miliswa second class.
Bob-

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