

5 Chelsea Corner,
Waterloo Rehs,
Wynberg.
Cape Town
27th Oct. 1966

Dearest Mom & Dad,

This is the first minute I've had to write, since we moved in. First of all thanks for the 3 lovely dresses. They're super & all fit except for the lengths. Tell Rica thanks a ton for me, & send me her address so I can write & thank her.

Our flat is absolutely fabulous & it's lovely living here. We can walk around naked, bath with the door open, play the radio late (not loud) & eat any time of night (ie not at 6.30 or 7, but earlier or later if we want to)

The only thing is that I have got no way of being sure I'll wake up in time, can't you possibly post the clock in a little box? We're quite far from the station so I either have to hitch to town or else leave very early. Also we are rather desperate for sheets, is it possible for you to send me down a pair? Ray is sending Barbara some. My letters always seem to be just

asking you for things, but I'm afraid it's rather necessary.

I always think of millions of things that I mean to write to you & then forget all about them until I've posted the letter or something. I spent today out in Clifton at the Dunties' because Barbara's greeting, but the weather was terrible because it snowed on Table Mountain yesterday & today there's a mad South Easter blowing, although it's calmed down now & it's lovely & clear. No doubt it will be beautiful tomorrow, because it's Monday.

On Thursday night I ~~got~~ got 8d. 506 Avith. at Shawes & it was ghastly! Oh yes, I'm getting bloody worried about the bomb. Don't you think Russia will ^{stop} ~~stop~~ now, in view of the fall out in China? I do, I think they've made their point, everyone knows they're tops even if they won't admit it, & I think they should stop. And this isn't being funny but I'm going to write to Khrushchev if they don't! Do you think Lutzki will get a passport, surely they'll have to give him one, but isn't it fabulous anyway?

I told Brian that I'll go and now they have to reset Saturday after

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work, because he's too lazy to do it himself
& so puts their rabbit ~~pen~~ ^{cage} on a different
patch every couple of days & they make a
big mess & eat the grass right away so it looks
awful. So I'll be getting my exercise then.
Honestly he's absolutely mad!

I must go & bath now, sorry his
letter is so short, but I'll write again during the
week.

Love & love to you all,

Toni.

5 Chelsea Corner,
Waterloo Rd,
Wynberg,
Cape Town.
31st Oct. 1961.

Dearest Mame Dad,

I'm living with a maniac!

She giggles & performs & so do I, but life is terrible, I spent 2 hrs trying to fit my money into my budget this morning (today was payday) but it just doesn't fit!

Here I go asking again, is it possible to let me have 1 pr sheets, 1 tablecloth & 1 cookery book? Please try & send the sheets anyway. ~~Boudier~~ Lewis has arrived in Wynberg & I pass it every morning on the way to the station. There are always millions of kids around feeding etc elephants, ponies etc.

You should just see us emptying our dustbin every evening. To do so we have to go right on to the main road & it looks so silly to see 2 girls walking down the road with a dustbin! Anyway I'm going to bed now, I'll finish this letter tomorrow.

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1st/11/61 I never get anything done, and at the moment there is no news. I'm going to have the front of my hair cut again tomorrow, and buy a white orlon cardigan.

Will you send me the recipe for meat loaf please? I'll send you my week's menu next week. Please stop telling everyone you see that I might be doing this Nursery school bit next year.

Have you got summer fruit yet?

We can still only buy very expensive, very daisy, apples & oranges.

I keep on being interrupted, so I think I'd better finish off this letter. (Talk about hurried little notes!)

Anyway, write soon. Love to everyone,

Love,
Toni

P.S. The Barbara maines sends her love,
Toni

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Air Mail



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5/66 Fairhazel Gdns,
London N.W.6.
19th June 1978.

Dear Mom,

Dad showed me your letters and anyway I've been meaning to write to you. You seem to be behaving just as I expected that you would get bored the minute you arrive somewhere and flitting off to the next place. No doubt by the time I send this off You'll have got tired of Dar and gone off somewhere else. Why don't you sit around for a while and draw some pictures?

I've finished work but so far I haven't had very much free time because people keep asking me to do things and I say yes when I mean No! Ivan came back from Malta and then left four days later for the Middle East where he is shooting a film for an American Tv company (I'm not too sure what it's about, but can guess) anyway at the moment he's in Beirut, then they're going somewhere else and then to where his parents live and then on July 6th he'll be in Rome for a few days. Me and the boys are going to Rome for about 4 or 5 days , after that he's away for another week or so before coming home.

Dad has let the house for four weeks (I think he'S writing to you tomorrow, so he'll tell you all the details, in the meantime he's moved in here until he goes to Italy. Keith has moved into the flat as Tony Sol more or less moved out (Dad still has to take it to court to clear up all the details and back rent etc) Anyhow he and Keith have painted the flat out and Keith has been very busy building furniture and is as happy as can be and in an extremely good mood. I think it's just as well that Dad moved in here because he seems to be a bit depressed and very fed up at work and I think he's worried about his redundancy even tho' he hasn't got any children to support now, anyway he never says anything, but I'm sure it's better for him to stay here (and I'm

quite glad of the company.) He has hay fever and when I asked him why he doesn't take an antihistamine he said he didn't believe in them!

Mark and Nicky went up to Manchester for the weekend to stay with Francie and John. They had a lovely time, Francie took them out to Southport and to the Lowry museum and trampolining, they travelled there and back on the train themselves. The weather here has been varying between boiling hot and freezing cold. I can't remember what else I was going to tell you. You haven't really been missing much.

If you go to Luanda you MUSN'T forget to take your Malaria pills which I hope you are remembering to take anyway. I'm reading a book at the moment called Fat is a Feminist issue, I'll lend it to you when you get back.

Give my love to Pat and Yvonne and the boys,
lots of love from,

Toni

P.S. Matthew Lewis' article in the Har + Hoop was good - Keith kept it for you.
Dad's been having a lot of trouble with that Getande woman, but I think he's finally got rid of her!
Also I think your plants have been a bit neglected (but don't tell dad or Keith that I told you!)

5/66 Fairwayl Gdes
London to W.G.
4th July 78

Dear Mum,

Thanks for your letter,
we all read all your letters - especially
about your trip to Tanzania, very
interested in the ANC School there.
I actually wondered about Violet's
cooking!

Haven't got much news. We're
going to Rome tomorrow (only for 4 days)
and as far as the school holidays are
concerned I still don't know - hope
that Joan's working so that I can
go to Canada with the boys!

Anyway, I'll tell you
what you haven't been missing.
Well for one thing the weather - it
has been unbelievably cold, grey

and wet. The last warm day we had was about 3 weeks ago - I can't tell you how miserable it's been. For another thing, you've missed the humbling job of making Keith's curtains for him! I spent all last Saturday doing that, but they do look very nice. He's very busy, busy in that flat of his.

Dad has just gone off to court to try & get his rent arrears - he said he's not nervous, why should he be? He's spent the past 2 weekends wooding beds to take to Italy & they're all ready now. He is quite looking forward to going to Italy I think, although he pretends he isn't really. Lately he's been watching a lot of Wimbledon, which has followed hot on the heels of the world cup.

I phoned Francis on Sunday, because it was her birthday, she's looking forward to going to Italy & will see to it that Dad uses some of the time there as a holiday. She's quite 'normal' these days, if you know what I mean.

Barbara Lamb is O.K. as far as I know, seems to have made a lot of friends in America and in many ways really enjoying her time here. Geoff is also O.K. (but I think far more confused than Barbara) We spent a weekend down here the other week — had a freezing cold, wet picnic on top of the dunes (midsummer's day!!) The kids thought it was great. Ray is being a trouble maker and a pain in the arse — tell you when you get back.

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One very bad news is that all the stained glass has been stolen out of my flat at 38, and I'm really upset about that, as everything seems to be going wrong here and I can't see us getting back - it never looks any more finished. The glass in our flat alone was valued at £15,000. (If I'd known I'd have sold it + bought a house!!)

I went to see Nicky's teacher yesterday - apparently he's brilliant at Maths, pretty good at everything else - ie in the top 3 - and has very strong political opinions - as if I didn't know all that!

Mark turns 13 this week, what do you think of that.

Well that's all the news - oh yes - we all can't understand

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Why you keep sending us long
details of how much all these
safaris cost — why don't you just
use up your money and go on
them — you'll regret it if you
don't! Give my love to Pat + Yvonne
lots of love,
Tai

Air Mail



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Tuesday 8th August 78

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Dear Mom + Dad + Kate,

This is where we've ended up (more or less) we've found a place in the next village (Atrani) and although it's not ideal, we couldn't face driving any further south (it took us 5 days to get here - Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Lake Como, then here) anyhow this is a very beautiful part of Italy, but it boasts the most beaches in the world and is of course packed with maffia + people - The Italians never shut up + settle all the time. We have bought a rubber dingy in order to row to a less crowded beach - I'm rather contently about buying a launch - e I can see some advantages now! The villages all have churches tiled + mabled like the one at this coast - and guess enormous lemons! Food not very varied (very poor? here?) but lovely fruit + veg. There are 176 steps up from the road to this flat - terrible with the shopping! and the steps up from the beach make cliffon like nothing! 20 years ago this place must have been a paradise. We're going to visit Pompeii today, should be back about 4 days after 20th August.

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24th May 79

Dear Mom & Dad,

first the business. I have let the house from the 31st May to the 30th Sept. The people are Pakistani (he's the tennis champion of Pakistan) and came through Church Brothers, who have sent about 3 different prospective tenants around. Anyway there is Mr & Mrs Rahmin, her mother, her sister (studying for A levels) and a school age child. Mrs Rahmin who is very upper class and obviously used to lots of servants and service, particularly liked the house because there are so many books. Of course since it's been let I have had endless phone calls from other agents with people interested in the house, so I hope I've done the right thing. The rent is £120 a week and they have paid 2 months in advance and a deposit (tho' smaller than the one dad wanted) Probably if I'd waited it could have been let for more, but I got fed up with having to show people round and having Australians burst into my flat, wishing to make private arrangements with me rather than go through the agents. So I just hope it's O.K. What do you think? You'll have to stay here until the end of September, but there is quite a lot of room and we'll probably be away in August anyway.

Dad, I've paid Barclaycard completely it was only £9.60, American Ex hasn't arrived yet, but there are water rates and a final demand for £10 from the Guardian - should I pay it? Mom, I've deposited about £165 in your bank. There are loads of letters for you from America and Mexico and places, shall I risk sending them on? Do you want me to keep all the Vietnamese and German magazines that you keep getting?

Well, we've moved into our flat now, and some rooms are more or less straight. Grave lack of cupboards has meant that I have to keep piles of things on the floor dotted here and there. The carpenter we were trying to get charged too much and didn't turn up anyway and as Ivan has gone off to Cairo, this is how things will remain. At the last minute he got offered this job in Cairo and Beirut. It is a drama based on the Saudi princess and her lover who were executed a couple of years ago. Anthony Thomas (who did those 3 films in S.A.) is directing it, and it's a co production between ATV and the Boston station that Ivan has done work for. He's very pleased to get it because it is a big prestigious drama, the main problem is that he will have to go more or less straight onto Nigeria afterwards. At the moment we are planning that the boys and I will go out to Cairo for a couple of weeks in June. I don't know what we'll do there but everyone says that Egypt is very nice and we can go for a trip down the Nile. So we're busy getting all our injections.

Keith was offered quite a good job with a photographer which he decided not to take. He apparently has one or two possibilities that he is interested in that may materialise in June, I'm sure he has told you about them. I have sent off realms of O.U. stuff to Pat. Francie and John came down the weekend before we moved. They watched the cup final at our house and Manchester United lost and Arsenal (Nicky's team) won. John kept saying 'It's only a game.' Francie poked through all my packing cases and went off with loads of my rubbish. They are coming to Italy in June with some friends and are camping on the way down.

Well that's all I have to say really, except that the weather here is very wet and cold. There were four boiling hot days, but that was when we were moving and so I couldn't sit in the sun.

Lots of love,

Tari

Thursday 31st May 79.

Dear Aunt Dad,

Heidi + I got your letters dated 15th + 23rd of May — they both came on the same day! I hope by now Vittorio has turned up + your lab water is working. Everything else sounds lovely.

The tenants have moved into your house + I hope Dad thinks the agreement + everything is all O.K. They've paid 2 months rent + a deposit — cheque cleared — I don't know how much the agents take, ^{at 7.00 + 10%} also the phone is in their name. I think it will all be O.K. I've been having a bit of trouble from Dad's insurance underwriters who want to know where you are keeping the £1,000 worth of jewellery that you've insured. I never knew about your secret treasures, but they're insisting you have it — so I told them there were no valuables like that in the house — you'd put them in the bank. Meanwhile at the moment the household cat is moved for possible entry only. If you want me to photograph let me know. The only other problem I've had is filling in your tax + valuation returns — I think I made a mess of them!

I spoke to Franise tonight. She said she's leaving for Italy on 27th June (9 Miles) and so I'm going to send ~~you~~ ^{her} all your personal mail (you've had lots of letters from America) and she'll bring it. Also man, Ali Kathy returned your love + a roll of film in a lovely silver cardboard box! I'll also send an your claims form from Pan Am as I don't know how to fill it in. I think Franise + John have more or less decided to go to Tanzania (tho' they haven't heard from the ANC yet) — but man — you must put any more pressure on her — or pool pool their doubts. Whatever you may think of their lives or your children's choice of ~~part~~ partners it's up to them to live them how they like — you can't push all your ambitions + energy onto them.

As for Keith. He seems to have had several possible job offers (he's so bloody vague I'm not too clear about it all) and is just busy busy making up his mind, writing business letters + other secret business. If he ever has a problem he phones me!

The boys + me are probably going to go to Cairo in a week or two, for a week or two. Else we never get to see Ivan. He reckons we

Should take a boat trip down the Nile to Luxor — but you'd like that hey? Probably we'll go from about June 15th for about 10 days. Not sure yet, but I'll let you know.

Last night we had the most amazing storm here. Thunder & lightning of the most spectacular sort, non-stop for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. A huge cloudburst of rain, which flooded all the brasses in Carfield Gardens! Mark & Wicky had a great time casting sandbags around! The weather is still cold & wet. Hope it's improved in Italy.

I haven't cut out newspapers for you yet — but I will start. Mostly the news has been about EEC elections (or something) Vietnamese boat people and Thatcher's terrible new legislation. There was an excellent film on TV the other night about Italy — the left, communists, feminists, ultra left etc. Unfortunately I forgot to watch it.

This week has been $\frac{1}{2}$ term — a bit busy, as the weather is bad & the boys are bored. I've been very busy — but I ain't actually worked that much. The flat is looking pretty nice — the stairs still a lot to do. I've already got children's hand-prints on the walls & mud on the carpets!

I want to post this now —

P.S. I had a disaster with ^{lots of} the bottle of olive oil — it dropped all over the kitchen floor. Love Tari

By air mail
Par avion



Mr + Mrs Bernstein,
Via Dei Martini 121,
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ITALIA

From Secretary
3/38 Carlfield Gals
London W-W-6.

Saturday 14th

Dear Mom + Dad,

This is to certify that Keith Bernstein would make an excellent co-pair if he didn't have the habit of laughing at stupid jokes with a mouthful of coffee!

Seriously though - he is a sweet thoughtful boy, and I'm sorry he didn't have a friend down here, then he wouldn't have been so loved. Still he had lots of fun & fruit & exercise (swimming) I hope he hasn't been too miserable here. The children are going to miss him terribly I think he'll miss them.

The Basil that Keith is reluctantly limping in the suitcase is from me - I hope it hasn't drooped too much. We wait he able to buy any peaches or grapes as our cat is too small + too full.

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We are all pleased to have Tom here - it was such a surprise he just sort of walked in as if he'd been out for a stroll, with a bag of bloody steak - which was very nice.

Tracie has had two friends ^(not yesterday) staying here since last Saturday, - it is very crowded, luckily they are rather nice or I might have got quite fed up - as it is it has been extra work & expense - they do great calculations dividing all the food money by $\frac{2}{8}$ ths or something - but I still pay for most things.

Mark has caught what I think is bronchitis from one of Tracie's friends - his chest is very wheezy & if it doesn't clear up I shall have to take him to the Doctor. Anyway Tom has taken everyone else off to the beach & I'm staying with Mark - it's lovely & ~~quiet~~ ^{quiet} for the 1st time!

We did a bit of exploring + found some lovely little rocky coves - much nicer than the main beach, but less satisfactory for the children's point of view as there's no sand + the bestly visit is safe - so we go to the sandy beach in the morning + afterwards in the afternoon. We also took a fantastic drive up a tiny narrow windy road (I think that was why he was dead!) to the top of a mountain - where we had a view over two sides of the coast + the highest cliffs in France - quite fantastic.

I'm sorry to send the sheets + towels back in such a state - but the kundvette is incredibly expensive here + I have to wash the bedcovers + chair covers before we leave, so I hope you don't mind. I've done all the clothes washing by hand - big bore.

I think we're leaving on the

Dear Toni

I was very interested in the weather. Here it had been snowing and many times there is ice.

And about the English I only read but I read very much. I also found out that there are many interesting books in the tobacco library.

At first I had some troubles in school with the learning and also me with the boys. The she-teacher is much worse and always terribly angry and she shouts in the classroom so that you couldn't hear the biggest rocket in the world - so do all the others.

I settled down very well. I already have many friends.

I am going in school in nature and that will be in January. Prague is not so full of Christmas-shoppers as London. I and my friends when we are outside have had seen many interesting things on our one mile expeditions. On Sundays we go to the forests. We have been twice to the river Sázava and three times to the botanical gardens. I am very glad the baby is so well.

Ivan



Wednesday 12th June 79

Dear Mum + Dad,

Got your letter dated 1st June. I'm glad Dad tells that it's summer in England - we have now had one single day of sunshine, and mostly it's been quite chilly. Your house sounds lovely - do you think it will be finished when you leave? Our flat is no fussier, except there are now dirty handprints all over the walls, and now have to put all the junk away. Does dad want me to keep Building + Design? - there are so many of them.

I don't think I'll be able to stop in Italy on the way back, because I have got "cheap" flights - and I don't think you can change them at all, so I will find out when I'm in Cairo. Anyway it would coincide with Francis's visit + there wouldn't be room for us. Also the boys should go back to school! We're leaving for Cairo on Monday (18th) and come back on the 2nd July. I've got they're staying in a very nice hotel at Giza (that's where the pyramids are) and it has a garden and a swimming pool + you can visit the pyramids or ride horses in the desert. Probably we will

take a trip to Luxor and possibly by boat from there to Aswan. We might as well make the most of it, as it's not likely that we'll go there again. I don't really know much about Egyptian civilisation, tho' I did do it at school.

I've enclosed this ad that K. spotted for a flat (Sands just like your basement) in Primrose Hill — amazing price hey? We had the budget yesterday — VAT up to 15% & petrol up 10p more — it's already £1 a gallon. However she has made it easier for very rich people. I don't know what's going to happen in this country. I'm sending all the personal letters to Franis + she'll bring them (there are 2 cheques one for £20 + one for £100) I've also included some various guardian cuttings — they're mostly about S.A. + Muldergate — there hasn't been much else interesting in the paper except the ~~the~~ soup in Ghana which no one knows much about. I told Franis about the refuse inc + stuff, but I don't know if I'll have a chance to order the annual Guardian for you.

By the way I don't think that Mr Paton is actually the current tennis champ of Pakistan — I think he's just a tennis coach + maybe used to play for Pakistan. Dick says he doesn't like them, because they make too

much noise on his head.

He (K) started his job yesterday. He was very pleased about it, but is a bit unsure whether they'll keep him on. So am I — he doesn't really know anything about graphics + layout. Anyhow — he bought a fancy pair of new trousers so wear I brought them to me to take up — when they turned out O.K. he seemed quite relieved — I think he thought I'd mess them up! No doubt he'll find some reason to cancel his holiday — like he didn't tell his ^{new} employers he'd booked it.

I don't think you will have sold much at the Open Air this year, as the weather is so cold + wet — I never see anyone up there. Don't forget about Mavis's birthday, unless you're thinking of getting him a set of dunnies! — that is all he can think of that he wants at the moment.

I don't really have anything else to say — I haven't seen any of your friends and Gordon is just the same as ever. I will write from Cairo, but probably the post from there is terrible. All the things you tell about your house are very interesting — I bet you're sitting lovely furniture + things. Are you doing drawings? I haven't done any work on the book, but will probably get back to it sometime. I went to a pop concert with

Geoff + Corine last Saturday. There were millions of people there - I think it must be very uncomfortable to dress like that. I hope Dad's done something about his hay-fever, but probably hasn't as he loves to suffer!

lots of love,
Tari.

Oh yes - I forgot. Rae. She wants to be coming to visit you - I'm not quite sure why. But it seems her Greek holiday wasn't a great success & she's coming on about getting a lodger / selling the flat / discussing a counsellor (but not in Murrell Hill). I can't be more specific as she is so muddled & goes on & on. Anyway she keeps asking after you two & tries to make me say I want to get a job (which I DON'T) - so maybe you should write to her.

love,
Tari

I haven't been to Dorset to look for a house - but Mike + Karen are looking out for one for me.

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15th June

Dear Hilda.

I hope you are enjoying the SUN and ITALIA, and that Rusty is getting on OK with the house. It is very grey and gloomy here in London, especially as Eddie is in Tonno. My work programme is getting massively behind schedule already, and I don't think I'll be coming to Italy till about the 17th or 18th of next month. I've lost the bit of paper when you said your Frances was coming down, but I had the impression it was the beginning of July. As a long time ahead and Eddie's plans are, as usual, vague, but it would be nice to see you down there before you come back which Mike tells me is about the end of the month.

We have a really nice friend in Genoa, and I had hoped to make a little giro del Liguria. My Italian is non-existent now - although I found I could understand quite a bit of the film 'L'Albero degli Zoccoli' which was gorgeous, all about peasants in Bergamo at the turn of the century. I've been working on a large landscape etching for the US for weeks & weeks, and hope to finish it by the weekend, I bet you have some nice new drawings and ideas!

Eddie went to see the acupuncturist, and although the first treatment seemed like a success it wore off very quickly and when he went back again the chery said he ought to have a series of 2 goes a week for 6 weeks, which isn't really in Eddie's price range, so he left it. I would pay for him to have it if he wanted to next time he's in England for any length of time, as it does seem to me to be the only hope for Elbans; I hope Rusty's is OK. I look forward to hearing ^{about} your trip through Germany.

If you could drop a P/c saying when you are being Apnicate it would be nice - I can't really say exactly what I'm planning, but if you have a full house we can always stay in a hotel or something

A bit of sun, spaggetti and vino would go down very well now!

Lots of love to you both

from Tat.

By air mail
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18.12.79

Dear Mom + Dad,
We got here, tho' there is some doubt about our tickets back!

This is one of those places, where nothing is sure until it actually happens - great when you adjust to the slow pace. Very beautiful + interesting - it doesn't feel a bit like Xmas time
love,

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27.12.79

Dear Mum + Dad,

In case my first attempt didn't reach you.

We've been down to Hemant's camp on the tiger project - rode elephants to view rhino, deer etc less than 1 yard away. We are trying to get to a place nearer the mountain - but this is a fairly medicinal sort of place & it is not always possible to make plans. Stopping in Delhi for a few days on the way back. Hope you had a nice Xmas - wouldn't mind some turkey when we get back + salad + apples. Love, Tari

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ENGLAND

3rd July 79.

Dear Mum + Dad,

I'm writing this in my sunny 'office' (once called the playroom) Outside the trees are that deep (overblown) English green and there are the most beautiful roses and summer flowers in every garden - the birds are tweeting in a most English way. You can't imagine how beautiful the trees + flowers + grass look here, after 2 weeks in Cairo - which is the most polluted, filthy, crowded city - made worse by being situated in the desert.

Anyway we got back last night (me + the boys first is) and I'm writing this quickly to send off though I don't know when you'll get it, as I believe the post here is in terrible chaos for some reason. A letter from you arrived while I was away - too late for me to ask Francis to bring the extra stuff. And one written on 14.6. came this morning. I hope you enjoyed your trip to Turkey - its very beautiful isn't it? The house sounds wonderful, I can see that you've really pleased with it - how that the floor is down. Take lots of pictures of the files, bathrooms, kitchen

views etc. (in colour) as I know there are many people who will want to rent it (people in the Co-op & friends of ours) and who will mind sparse furnishings. The reason I want you to let it quickly is this: You must save up all your pennies and plan a trip to ~~heaven~~ - which is the most lovely, and wonderful place in all the world. I know you & dad would love it. The time to go is in winter - when we were there it was $120^{\circ}\text{F}!!$ In fact Egypt chose to have a heat wave while we were there and the temperature (even in Cairo) never dropped below 100° .

I really enjoyed my trip to Egypt - it is very 3rd world - & as I've been only in England & Europe for 15 years I found it very exotic. Cairo itself is horrific - a filthy, sprawling, polluted city with the most unbelievable traffic. Nothing works - no planes (people use the telax!) terrible population problems - but not as poverty stricken as I had expected. Fortunately we were staying out in Giza (12 kms from Cairo - but Cairo has extended itself all that way) - in a 5 stars hotel (with the worst food I've ever had!) right underneath the pyramids. The pyramids really are a wonder of the

world - and I never tired of looking out of
 my window at them. Underneath them (in the
 desert) is a camp of horses & camels who
 lie in wait for tourists - but it's an ever
 changing scene - very exciting. We did a
 lot of horse riding (you would be amazed
 to see me galloping in the desert!) and are
 now on our way to Sallava (40 kms!) to see the
 step pyramid & tombs there. The ride was
 through villages along the Nile which haven't
 changed in 5000 years. ~~Men~~ ^{Men} in Galabiyas
 washing their horses in the river - children
 looking after water buffaloes - men having
 irrigation deals - threating in the wind,
 women making bread in front of mud huts.
 Incredible. All our sight seeing had to
 take place between 5.30 and 9 a.m. as
 after that it was ~~too~~ hot. The Cairo museum
 is stacked full of treasures from every
 period.

The hotel had the most beautiful
 swimming pool - imagine swimming in a green
 garden - set about with flamboyant trees and
 looking up to see the pyramids. When I
 asked the boys what they'd learnt in
 Egypt they said - "jumping in the pool,"

calling upon service (for endless drinks) and
 "killing flies." The flies are unbearable!
 We flew to Luxor for one day & night only
 — as the cruise takes too long. Flying over
 the Nile is quite incredible as it's almost
 like a line drawn on either side above the
 green, green fertile fields and the desert
 begins. Luxor is a most exquisite, superb
 Arab town — set in beautiful green tranquility
 on the banks of the Nile. Feluccas (boats)
 did expand down — wonderful tall green exotic
 trees — and across the river the beautiful
 mountains of the desert. I can't describe it to
 you — it is just the most lovely place.
 The temples & tombs here — Karnak & Valley
 of the Kings — are staggeringly extensive
 and well preserved. You'd love it. We
 stayed in a most amazing old hotel
 — The winter Palace (very famous) and
 Henry Kissinger arrived while we were there (I
 would have shot him if I'd known he was in)
 I would have loved to go on to Aswan
 and Abu Simbel (4 days by boat) but will
 save that for another trip. The boys were
 wonderful — they never complained about the
 heat — or long waits — and were interested

tourists + good company. The Egyptians (especially in Cairo) are corrupt + dishonest. Sven was working very hard - 17 and 18 hours a day - so we hardly saw him. This Nigerian job is really hanging over us - he needs a rest + to be at home.

I phoned Keith last night - he has left his job (after 2 weeks) as it wasn't what he wanted. He said he'd been doing "a few things" and it was "quite good" - very easy but he wanted O.U. no doubt he's written + told you. The job sounded awful - not at all what it was supposed to be - so I suppose he was right. He said the tourists are O.K. he seems to be quite friendly with them. I suppose Franis + John are here by now - tell her happy birthday from me. There doesn't seem to be much mail or anything since I've been away - that's probably because it doesn't seem to be being delivered at the moment. Christine from the opera is phoned - they've sold 3 or 4 of your pics - & I'm taking the rest up there on Saturday. A letter arrived here while I was away - for Dad - from Keith Bairston (the architect) begging him to work for them for 6 months (or longer if he likes) when he comes back from Italy!

I did the illustrated book about building

S.

a house in Italy is a brilliant idea. You should do lots of sketches.

I've got to go & get some shopping & catch up with the back log of stuff. When exactly are you expecting to be back?

Love,

Toni

By air mail
Par avion

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