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My dear Jack

Thank you very much for your delightful letters, all of which I received on my return to Kimberley from Cape Town i.e. after the 16th November, 1977.

Dali has been doing Matric in Lesotho to better his grades. We don't know how he fared: These fellows tend to have a misplaced self-confidence. However, Veronica is desirous that he should leave for the States with his elder brother and sister who are coming home for two weeks during the winter vacations. We expect them on the 16th December, 1977 and they return to the States on the 2nd January, 1978.

Should the ban be lifted I shall certainly apply for permission to go to Maun though I do not expect such permission to be granted. You seem to have made an unfavourable impression on some people though really I cannot imagine a less anarchistic person than you. Your ideas of course are a bit unwholesome for a White man but otherwise I would think you are quite respectable.

Thank you for news about Maun. We wish you every success in your work.

By the way we hope Dalinyeba will be able to attend Junior College until September, 1978 when he may be ready for College. This is irrespective of whether his grades this time are good.

Do you hear from Gatscha? He sent me a copy of a blistering letter he had written to a journalist by the name of St John who had dared to suggest that the late Steve Biko and I were not overly impressed by Gatscha. He said, among other things, that there was nothing in our background which he could envy - we are Xhosa Commoners!

I am making good progress though I have an excruciating back-ache that has recently made itself felt. The doctors diagnose arthritis but that does not help - the pain remains excruciating!

Our love and best wishes to you and Catherine. We look forward to sharing a holiday with you.

Sincerely yours

ROBERT & VERONICA

Dear Benji:
Here is the letter at long last. It is probably too late for your book. I thought it was in the US but found it yesterday here in Gabs. It shows Mungeliso's terrific sense of humour even in the last days. Best,
Jack
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