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Dear Hilda and Rusty,

Somewhat belatedly we have got round to writing and thanking you for being such kind hosts to us in Italy. We had a marvellous relaxed holiday, all the more so because you were so accommodating to us! We had looked forward to staying with strangers with some trepidation, but in the event you made us feel completely at ease.

I have spoken to Frances on the phone a few times since we got back, but we haven't got round to meeting yet, partly because we have had visitors every weekend since our return. However, she tells me that she and John went down to London for a

family reunion and came back with
the two stockings we wanted to buy.
She hasn't been able to give them
to us yet, but nevertheless we thought
we had better send a cheque for
them now (enclosed).

The Royal Exchange in Manchester
is putting on some Athol Fugard plays,
and Frances is trying to get
tickets for a performance, so we
will meet then. However, the
Exchange sells out very quickly -
I hope she is able to get some
tickets soon.

People are showering us with
cast-off baby items - I now have a
collection of 20 babygros! It is becoming
a problem knowing where to store it all.
Our next task is to decorate the
"nursery" - in a stainproof, scratch
proof paint, I think. Perhaps "high tech"
would be the thing here! Meanwhile
I am growing decidedly more corpulent.

Best wishes,

Sharon and Paul Montgomery

3/1/86

My dear Hilda + Rusty,

I am so sorry you both didn't get your Christmas greetings from us in good time.

Nevertheless, I was lucky to see you Hilda and hope that you are both fine and happy in Hereford.

I have a friend Merrin Basner who lives not very far from you. One of these days I hope to see you meanwhile much love + all the best in 86 especially for our STRUGGLE.

Smiley



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To Hitda + Rusty - Comrades in
Struggle

With

Best Wishes for Christmas

and the New Year

from Shirley Michael Thabeng (10)
+ Dineo (3 1/2)

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THREE WISE MEN
By Carlos Garcia, Nicaragua

13/2/86

My dear Shirley,

I was really happy to receive your card and note. Rusty & I have been here for about 16 months; it is a superb part of the country, and I love it, and always longed to be close to nature! But I do miss my friends and the stimulation of London. We go there from time to time, for various things, and keep in touch; it's a long and expensive journey.

Yes, I know Miriam Basner - knew her husband very well - and we hope to be in touch with her when Spring comes. She is really very poor - I mean she has very little money - and even to invite her here means spending money on petrol, so we hope when it gets warmer to visit her.

Also, we welcome visitors. When Spring comes, will you, with or without your family, as you choose, come for a week-end, or any time? We have a spare room, two beds, and could put down an extra mattress or make some arrangement for the little ones. We would really like that.

I am supposed to be going on tour in Europe for the ANC next week. I have not been able to find out: when I am leaving, where I am going to, what kind of audiences I must prepare for, who is arranging the tour, whether there will be other speakers, - I know at the last minute I'll be told: Your plane's leaving today, come at once, or something like that - typical.

If I go, I should be back the middle of March, and hope that we will be in touch.

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Dear Hilda,

Madja Mungai

I have just finished your book about The Revonia Trail.

What wonderful reading. I have been caught from the beginning to the end. Your mixture of giving a personal and a historic account is perfect

and it is what we need.

We cannot afford to forget, we cannot afford ^{not} to know how the historic events affected the individuals.

Heroism is alright, and in small doses, I suppose, important to learn about. But when our "heroes" are actually seen as more or less ordinary human beings, then we get to understand them much better, we can use them as examples.

Thanks for a great book which I hope will find its way to our future schools.

Dear Hilda and Dear Rusty

All the best for your present week.

I enjoyed being with you at Mazzimbu. I hope you had a nice time with Tony.

And I hope the interviewing is going alright.

Love from

Madija

... wonder whether you ever get your stuff out of the harbor.

5a Crick Rd

Dear Hilda and

20-10-95

Rusty,

I've just finished my second reading of "The world that was ours". It's magnificent, I think. So moving and so well written. The last couple of chapters were ^{spine-chillingly} specially vivid to me from several journeys on that train, once under apartheid. And I got to know Youssef Omar a bit when we shared an office off St Martin's Lane in early 1965. I liked him a lot.

I wondered if you saw his article on Joel Joffé?

Now I'm returning to finish 'The R.I.T.' which I also loved.

The meeting to try to set up
a Council of Civil Liberties here
in Oxford was so bad that I kept
thinking I was in a rôle play or
film about a bad meeting. I
decided not to join the group,
which I think is destined ^{soon} to
collapse. P.S. And a wasted evening.

A piece of sad news - Eric's
stepfather Clyde Mitchell is quite
ill. His diabetes has complicated a
prostate cancer problem and being on
a raft when the Achille Lauro
disaster happened off Durban didn't
help.

Love and best wishes

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