

Cepicade, Tues 7.8.80.

Dear Mom + Dad,

I expect Keith will tell you everything and anyway I don't feel very much like writing letters. So for all details ask Keith.

The house is beautiful, lovely, wonderful — we've thrilled to bits by it. Dad, you've really done a spectacular job on it & I love it. Biggest problem is the lack of shutters on windows — it is very hot & the flies & heat pour in & there is no way of shutting them out without closing all the windows — it also means lack of privacy downstairs & the light wakes us up (re the flies) very early.

Because of the car problems (ask Keith)  
 on the 2nd day down we arrived  
 at the village at about 10pm  
 — I was absolutely exhausted & had  
 really wanted to stop & sleep over some-  
 where, but K. was determined to get  
 to the house. I found the way  
 more or less by ear & then we  
 drove up the street in the dark  
 & luckily a bunch of old ladies  
 were sitting near the Comendante so  
 I said: "Bonjour — I mean Boenquario  
 — no I mean" — by that time they  
 were all killing themselves laughing  
 & said "Buena Sema" & then I  
 said I was the daughter of the English  
 & the one said she was Maria &  
 fetched the key & some lady from  
 England, so we all went to bed  
 tired & with no dinner.

We've been to Rochdale twice — to  
our dining the pool was full of  
Italian youths + girls + some  
French tourists. There seem to be  
millions of tourists staying here —  
but it's still lovely. We ~~had~~ Mark  
& Ben there this afternoon & they  
all swam a lot. Mark + Ben  
arrived looking very spruce &  
grown up. I also went to the  
beach under the railway (as stinky as  
ever.) It is amazing being back  
here — you know I haven't been  
since 1974 — and it's incredible  
how I've found my way about &  
how familiar it all looks. I love  
this area & I love it here.

apart from Maria + the lady  
at the shop we haven't spoken to  
anyone — there are lots of

tourists trailing about & I suppose they just think we are them. Too many French & Germans.

I drove Keith up to Pavinale

- I've not been there before - we decided your village is best.

The countryside is very green -

I've never seen it like this in August - with wild flowers &

millions of butterflies everywhere. I

hope it's not going to rain again -

it obviously has been raining a lot.

The market in Ventimiglia is just groaning with peaches, vegetables, melons, potatoes, figs, raspberries.

The food is wonderful. I would

like to come & stay here for

a long time,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  weeks I feel

too short to really enjoy it,



because I have to go to the desert a lot - a leave seems to be a lot of driving about to organise food for all these boys.

We're going to Menton tomorrow - it might rain, it's got all misty tonight. Keith loves the house too. Man all your plates are cracked & breaking, can I buy you a new set somewhere? The boys like it here as well.

I have to stop because your mosquitos are driving me crazy. Dad those chairs from Tai & Sol's flat are appalling - can I buy you some in Nice? We'll pay for them. Also, you mustn't let the house to people you don't know very well. The people before us left it dirty &

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anyway unless they're family or  
close friends people don't care &  
they just walk it up.

but we know about chairs  
& plates & anything you want  
me to do.

lots of love,  
Tai

By air mail  
*Par avion*

7.8.20

MOM + DAD

Dad - Maria keeps nattering on about you -  
something about I must write to you or  
you must write to her or something.  
Could you send her a note -  
you're v. popular with her.





WILDLIFE OF KENYA  
Buffalo

20.1.83



Dear Mum + Dad,  
Wonderful hot  
but lots of difficulties  
setting up the films  
Hope its worth it.  
Can't imagine winter.  
Dad - the builders that  
are O.K. in Hay are  
Mr Young + Martin  
Tweedled. Hope the  
Planning permission  
comes through soon.  
Love after my Mark

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Love Tim



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26.1.83

WILDLIFE OF KENYA  
Lion



Kenya Stationers, P.O. box 46309 - Nairobi

Dear Mami Dad,  
I don't think I've sent a  
Lion yet! We've more or  
less got things sorted out,  
done lots of travelling —  
on lots of bad roads. Also  
been to Lake Victoria!  
Probably my last card until  
hurry. Hope everything  
is O.K. Maggie should  
know where we'll be.  
if necessary. Running  
out of space + inspiration

lots of love

Tari

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MASAI FAMILY - KENYA

7.2.83.



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Kenya Stationers - P.O. box 46309 - Nairobi

Dear Mum + Dad,

Boiling hot here - can't  
imagine winter any more.

Film is very difficult,  
but cinema is easy.

Hardly get any news of  
the rest of the world, so  
give us ideas of what's  
going on. Also I miss  
the boys like crazy.

I do all sorts of things that  
I'd never normally dream  
of - like driving landrover

See you soon  
lots of love,  
Tan

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BY AIR

MR 10: Turkana camels and stock; from a series of photographs of Kenya people from her book 'Vanishing Africa' (Collins)

Photo: Mirella Ricciardi

12-2-83

Dear Mum & Dad,

I was really upset to hear about you dad - I hope you're O.K. + that it turns out to be not serious. From tomorrow I'll be at Pepari's Hotel, Lamu - tel. 29. Heard on the news today about more snow & freezing weather - I'm glad to hear that!! For all its defects the climate + countryside here are wonderful. Very pleased to be finished filming - although sorry to see crew leave. See you in about

2 weeks. Lots of love,  
Tai



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18.2.83



Dear Mum + Dad,

I hope dad's better now as Raywe decided what was wrong. Home is paradise — white beaches, water so warm you can sit in it all day, fresh mango juice + lobster. lovely people, beautiful white oval town with curved doors. Shows to take you fishing, snorkeling or into town + back — a wind that never stops blowing a the nagging feeling that I have to get back to England and face reality.

See you soon

Love

Tari





25/3/83

Dear Rusty Childs,  
apart from the malaria  
& mosquitoes this place  
is pretty close to  
paradise - very few  
tourists and a skin  
divers nirvana. The  
whole experience is  
spoiled by having to  
work but there hasn't  
been too much of  
that.

Man from Mendi, Southern Highlands Province,  
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Love Ivan

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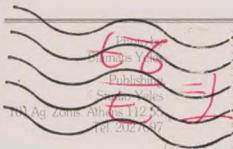
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Friday 30th August '85

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Dear Mum + Dad,

It's lovely + hot here - just enough  
 wind to keep it from being too hot. Crete is pretty, but  
 not nearly as nice as Cephalonia & the beach is not  
 very good. But it's all good enough for us.  
 Nicky's baggage didn't turn up - a bit of a  
 disaster as most of it is impossible to replace <sup>here</sup>. Some  
 things are irreplaceable anywhere like his A level  
 music notes. Weather seems to know everyone in  
 this little town & seems very popular. Julie  
 is very pretty + nice & he seems very happy.  
 Better pick + eat my apples lots of love,  
 Tani

  
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POΔΟΣ  
 Dear Aunt Dora,

POΔΟΣ  
 This is a lovely place -  
 wonderful houses with  
 pebble floors (very hard on  
 the feet.) Perfect weather,  
 sea etc. Don't worry, I  
 don't sit in the sun too much,  
 I wear a hat & put on  
 creams & things. Hope you  
 get this, as everything  
 seems to be on strike here.

Hope my garden's O.K.  
 I hear it's 'scratching' in England -  
 typical - so soon  
 do I leave!

If Veron's tree can they water my garden?  
 Fair



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Dear Toni,

Thank you for  
the invitation. My father

& I will be there -

Glenda is going to a  
wedding (not hers!) &  
sends her apologies.

See you then

Love

Verna



**Hautbois Strawberry**

Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues

16th century Huguenot artist

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15.4.45

Dear Tony,

I thank you for the invitation. John has just had a detached retina operation & it depends on how the eye progressed & feels that evening on whether we are able to join you. If we do not come you will know why.

Kind regards

Sally Duffin.



BY AIRMAIL  
Par avion

POST CARD



18.1.87.

Dear Mum + Dad,

Does this remind you  
of Jhb? This is a  
strange place - v. like  
home, but not quite.

Things going well here -  
off to Bulawayo on 20th +  
then Harare on 28th. Seen  
lots of people + breaded +  
swim - altho' the water is  
not great. Lots of rain + quite  
cool, tho' it's hard to imagine  
England's cold - hope you survived it!

Jacaranda Time, Zimbabwe. Love - Tari

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21. 1. 87

Holiday Inn - Bulawayo!

Dear Mum + Dad,

Just a quick note - to say all goes fairly well. The film is very hard to put together + I'm spending too much time on admin + bureaucracy. It's hard to find things to film in Zimbabwe - the place is not really destabilised, but rich + prosperous.

It's a very strange country - so like S.A. but not quite. Totally unlike any liberated Africa country I've been to. It is still 'white man's' country but with some changes. Lots of ghastly "Rhodies" around. For the first time I feel as if I'm at home. Exhilarating high altitude, hot sun, cascades dramatic thunderstorms etc. When you stop a black man wheels your trolley to the car + loads it for you - one just walks along like a 'madam' clanging keys!!

Bridget + Gareth have been so helpful + hospitable. We had a lovely Sunday by a lake near Harare - braai + swimming etc. Felt very South African + my accent is getting very marked.

I think you + Dad should come & live here - it's very easy, very provincial - but lots of nice friends here - the cold seems quite impossible! Also the streets are virtually traffic free by London standards.



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I've sent Iven our new schedule — which may still change. But basically we should be in Havana 21<sup>st</sup> — 25<sup>th</sup> Feb — probably at the Hickey Inn. Then Belawayo / Bait Bridge to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Leave for Havana March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Leave for Havana March 10<sup>th</sup>. But check all this with Maggie.

I don't miss England at all — only Maki. I hope you are all O.K. Give my love to Paul + Jan — I'm going for a swim now + then off to interview some officials,

Love,

Toni

P.S. 1) We've spent some time with Sharon Slovo + Chris Meyer who have been here, working on locations etc. for her film. They've been very kind to us — paying for meals + hotels! and I've grown very fond of her.

2) I think I was treated fairly shelterily by the ANC, for the few hours when I was in Havana — I'll tell you when I get

back  
Oh yes — I hate beer normally but Castle Lager is good!

24.1.87

Just done a massive drive down to  
Beet Bridge - crossed the hippo right up  
to the S.A. post. Bushveld bloody hot & bony.  
Now in Mutave on the MZ border. Staying  
in a beautiful house up in the mountains -  
cool & misty - like Wales - with beautiful  
indigenous forest.

13.2.87.

Dear Mum + Dad,

Just a quick note - as Bill Yates of Oxford is going back to England on Saturday.

We're all O.K. The filming is going fairly well, although it is very difficult to do anything in Mozambique, because of bureaucracy, logistical difficulties and the fact that this country is so demoralised that everyone is on a permanent go slow.

It is pitiful what S.A. has reduced this place to. They really have almost succeeded in destroying a dream - I can't see how this country can recover for many, many years.

However I do love it here - the Mozambicans are very gentle people, and I love the hot weather (altho' it is too hot some days.) In Maputo I had several diners with Pam des Sartor, & Eve + Tony Hell were here on a short visit. Also had diners with Albi who has a most beautiful house. Went to the beach a lot.

Now we're up in Quelimane in Zambezia - the effects of the war on the people are all around us, but our "murders" make very sure that we don't go anywhere even a tiny bit unsafe - so ~~for~~ we can't really film the real thing.

We leave Mozambique next Thursday, and go back to Zimbabwe - we should be



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at the Holiday Inn in Harare on the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>  
+ 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

That's about it — there's very  
little food here and I'd really like to  
get some fresh fruit + salad — even in Zimbabwe  
they seem to eat mainly meat, meat, meat.

I hope you've all O.K. & that  
my house has survived the winter. Please  
phone Mark for me & tell him that you  
got this letter & tell him all about it, because  
he loved Margalite. I sent him a postcard  
of the Polana hotel which is still as lovely  
as ever. I hope his job is alright & that  
he is managing in the flat. Also phone  
Maggie just to let people know I haven't  
disappeared.

I expect to meet up with Nick  
in Harare. Have to go now,

Love,

Toni





BY AIRMAIL  
Par avion

PANORAMIC CARD

26.2.87

Dear Mom + Dad,  
Here we are back in Zimbabwe, after  
a very interesting time in MZ. Go to Harare  
on Monday for a few days & then (I hope)  
to Angola - I probably won't write  
again, but Maggie will know where we are.  
I think there is a bit bored here, as there  
isn't that much for him to photograph - but  
hopefully it will improve. There are a lot  
of things we can't film, so it makes for a  
lot of problems. Nick met us in Harare - he looks  
wonderful!  
love,  
Tani



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3.4.87.

Dear Maud + Dad,

You will probably see me before this card. Finally finished a spending 2 days at tea Falls, which are in full flood + more spectacular than you can ever imagine,  
love  
Tina + Jon



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THE VICTORIA FALLS FROM ABOVE THE EASTERN CATARACT.  
The bridge and the Victoria Falls village in the background.

24-7-87

Dear Mom + Dad,

I'm on my way to Washington, on a fairly crowded flight. I'm only going for 2 days in order to interview this guy Craig Van Natta, who has been conducting an enquiry for the U.S. Gov. into the ivory trade. It was he who broke the story of 2 senior SADF people being the conduit for taking up to 100,000 tusks out of Angola to S.A. — supplied by UNICITA in exchange for weapons. There is much more to it & it's an excellent story, but it has an unfortunate twist. He told me on the phone that the Cubans + the MPLA have been equally involved in ivory smuggling to S.A. In fact there was a sort of 'no fire' area in Southern Angola where they did all their trading of ivory + diamonds in return for arms + food. S.A. Africa is well known to be the conduit for all ivory coming out of Angolan in Africa. Anyway this little twist means that it doesn't quite fit the thesis of the film — furthermore I don't think the Angolans will be too pleased with me if I do it. Thing is I can't expose the UNICITA thing & keep quiet about MPLA — & anyway the S. Africans are still baddies. So I



am going to do the interviews + then decide later whether to include this whole aspect in the film - it would be a shame not to.

The reason I'm going to Washington now, is that Ivan is here this week finishing off the Cambodia film, so I'm taking advantage of having a plane crew to shoot the interviews + have hotel accommodation.

It looks like the film is now going ahead - I'll know for sure at the end of the week - I'll start shooting in Sept. if it is on which means I'll be in Mayaguez + Comptox for about 4 or 5 weeks.

You won't believe this, but the weather here has just got hotter + hotter. Everyday is blazing sunshine, & the grass has turned all brown. It's most un-English - this last weekend the temperature was 92° F & with about 90% humidity, it was just like Mayaguez & it doesn't ever cool off at night.

We spent 2 days last week at Chris + Judy's place in Wales - & it was just



beautiful - we ate all our meals in that little patio garden that Judy made - delicious home grown vegetables + salads - & sitting outside watching the moon rise & not even putting on a cardigan!

Now, you will be interested to know that you got paid £150 to appear that quarterly programme. It was the worst programme I've ever seen, a real piece of ~~shit~~ <sup>crap</sup> - why didn't someone call Elton Brown a war criminal? Anyway you were the best thing on it & I'm glad you gave Cleveus what for. I suppose it was too hot for the jacket, but the rest of the outfit looked very nice.

I hope Marginder wasn't too much of a shock after all the winning & dining in harden - at least you know what you were going to this time. I hope my dad liked all the cheese + chocolate stuff. We're all wondering if your stuff has come out of customs yet? If Ayring has been able to improve things for Dad? Is Dad going to go

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to hesitation? etc. etc.

I'm hoping that by the end of the week I'll know whether those people are going to buy Castle House - if they don't, I'll advertise it in the Observer & Sunday Times & see if that helps - I desperately want Brandy House from now. I'm the mention I'm going to buy & spend most of August in Cooop. Francis is going for a couple of days with Sean & the baby. Probably the weather will revert to cold & wet by then - most of the English will be pleased, they hate this hot summer! I love it.

Julie was here for a few days with Keith - she may be moving to Thailand for her travel company - I don't know the details, but Keith will no doubt tell you.

Apart from that, not much has changed, we still have tube & rail strikes once a week, London is still full of traffic & crowds.

There was a woman's (the meeting a couple of Sundays ago & 2 of the women who went on the trip with Alberta gave



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a lining. It was very interesting, they are very active, but it seems in some areas the movement is very split in dangerous ways. They also said that on the whole the younger women + girls in the bands were much less politically active & very much concerned with fashion etc.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July

I've been carrying this letter around for days & must post it. Your note was really interesting. The potential buyers of Castle House are still dithering around, so I'm going to try advertising it in the Sunday papers. Also it looks as if the eulogy & Epiphany film will be only about £.A. now, as I haven't raised enough money to do the FL Starts as well - so I will just produce it & someone else direct.

Weather is back to normal here - grey & windy. I think Franice is coming to stay at Cusop next weekend.

Lots of love,

Tan

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