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This letter has taken far too long to write, and I am sorry about it. I was disappointed to have missed you when you came through London in December, but Anne tells me you sounded great, that life is going well for you and that you have two children. I would love to see you, meet your husband and meet the children. It seems more likely that you will come to London again before I can get to Cameroon so I hope you will let us know when you next intend to come through here.

As Anne told you, I was in South Africa in December. While there I was on my way to Alice to see your Mother when I discovered she wasn't there but in Durban with your aunt. So I missed her. Last week I was in New York and was hoping to see Dini but at the last moment he could not get away so I could only speak to him on the phone. But I shall be in the US again later this month - on a lecture tour for a few weeks - and I hope to get to Washington and to see him.

As you might know, Tata was commemorated at a meeting at the United Nations last Friday. The PAC invited me there to speak. You might wish to have the speech I gave so I am enclosing a copy. It was a very moving occasion. Jenny phoned me from South Africa to tell me there had also been a service in Soweto which she attended.

I have been working on the book about Tata and it is nearing completion. It has been very hard to write it because so much of it is close to my own experiences and emotions. He was a noble, beautiful man and I hope the book does justice to him. There are some lovely references to you in the letters he wrote to me from Robben Island. Both he and I were also very worried about your standard of English!

I spoke to Dini about getting more information about Tata and I have sent him a set of questions which he said he would answer without delay. I am enclosing a copy: if you can spare the time and feel like doing it, I would be delighted to have the details from you also. But even without this, I hope you will write to let me have news of you and your family.

Please give my warmest good wishes to James. I look forward to meeting him before not too long.

With love.

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