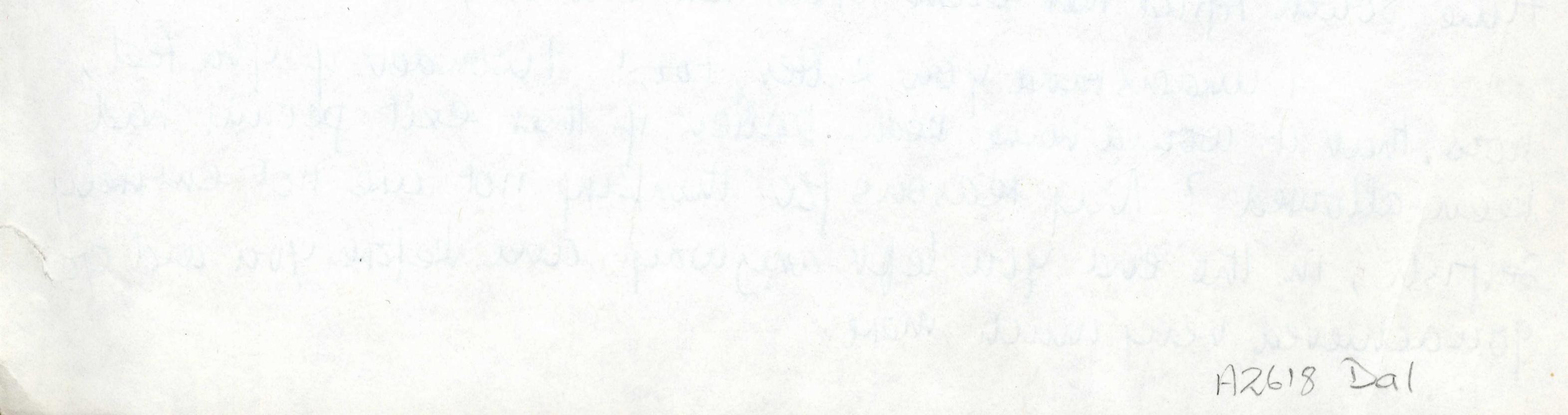
Moscow, 15th April, 1990 Jear Benjie, Out of the most tedious situations a silver living can be found - if one looks hand enough! I have been dumped in Mosion ter a couple of weeks while the Bureau Chief is on horiday. You may say hoscow cannot be dull at a time like this. And it isin's professionally. But having lived here for three years, the extra-curricular altrachoins are limited and, glasnost or not, the 25-mile zone around the city still is in force on foreigners. The silver lining is that I had the presence of mind to pick up the proof copy of your book ketere I left hondon, and to bring it with me. I'm very glad I did. 'It has been absorbing reading and has made me grateful that you perservered with the project. me that I know you as I do. Sobulture was before my time, and I have always found the PAC a shadowy à gamization in more ways than one. So I have learnt & lot as well. One puts the book down feeling a sense of-lors and waste. It would Le fascination to see Sobukie in action now. No one can doubt his strong principles, which makes me wonder what approach he would be adopting to the ANC, and Buthelezi. His anticommunin, 4 course, is being vindicated by events, but Africanism (If that is the convert word) looks more dubious. I may have missed it, but I dian't see any reference in his lebers to the "one party state " lither. It's hard to kelieve he would approve - and since his trine South Africa has become still mere diverse, how, that it would have been better if that exit permit had been allowed? My reasons for thinking not are not entirely selfish; in the end you left anyway, and before you did go You achieved very much men.

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Most of all, though, line glad you stuck with it and finished the book. It will have a better reception in the cument climate in South Africa and it will serve as a constant reminaer of the cost of reaching this point which has been paid by so many people. And, of course, it is a warning of the

reminaer of the cost of reacture this point which has been paid by so many people. And, of course, it is a warning of the repression which still lies close to the surface and could be unleashed again should circumstances change for the worse. Unfaturately book reviews are not considered 'news you can use' at my utilitanair publication. I hope this reaches you before too loup. By the time it does I will be back in the West (Fean and I are young to Amsterdam fir a few days' break) or in Romania and Bulpana which aren't quite in the West yet! with dest wishes, John



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