



Heldot & Rushy,

It was great seeing you — the  
little time we met, altho with  
Rushy, it was hardly a meeting!

Anyhow, it's that time of year,  
to hear laughter, see smiles &  
have fun.

New nationalists have found that  
rich French food is healthy  
especially when taken with  
half a bottle of red wine each  
day. (U. S. expects to)  
So, why hesitate!

Eat, drink & be merry  
it's good for you - and  
will probably help you work  
harder for!

PEACE \* PAIX \* PAZ \*  
\* 和平 \*  
MMP

in 1992.

Goodness knows we need it!

See you  
soon.

Neil & Sarah Laitham.

Dennis Winspear ★ Australia ★ Australie ★ Untitled ★ Sans titre ★ Sin título.

For the well-being of the world's children ★ Pour le bien-être des enfants du monde ★  
Por el bienestar de los niños del mundo ★ На благо всех детей мира ★ 造福世界儿童。



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Dear Rusty,

Hilda left here in a state of exhaustion on Saturday afternoon. I was overcome on Friday, when I refused to go anywhere and said that I had to get my batteries recharged. It was a combination of a busy social life, meetings - innumerable - and hard work. She had about 6 radio interviews taped, wrote at least one article and did a number of drawings, but not so far any of animals, which was the object of her trip. She also made us several delicious meat dishes - I am rather a plebian cook. But today I will make her potroast.

This is not really a social letter, so to business. Did Hilda tell you that we have gone into business, that I will be selling me prints on commission? By chance I overheard Hilda give her address and phone number to Jamila King, but it was not until yesterday afternoon that I discovered that Jamila was leaving at for England today, returning in a month's time, which means that she may well leave England before Hilda returns as her ticket only expires 8th Aug. Jamila is very willing to bring me more prints, so would like to suggest the following:

That you make up a selection, concentrating on African studies - The Worker; the three women etc., send in a circular carton with plastic bags, some big enough for large prints (we have been promised an exhibition); Send Hilda and me each a copy of the list of prints and she will then let me have prices in shillings. (I like Migration) She left the following with me:  
Woman; Boys; The last of Cato Manor; Miner; Girl; Blue Wildebeeste; Running Zebras; Elephant; Forest; Sable Antelope; Leopard.

A word about Jamila. She works in our Publicity Committee, but as she has only been around us for about 5 minutes, is not very clued up but thinks she knows it all. Sorry to sound, or rather be so bitchy, but as she is very plausible I felt that I must just tip you off. Nice enough and I am grateful that she is so willing to bring prints.

This is the worst time of the year to try to do any business as all the embassy personnel is going home on leave. I remember from bitter experience how we in S.A. couldn't raise a reply from you chaps in August. I show the prints to everybody who comes here and as Hilda will tell you, this is like Grand Central, but nothing serious can be done until September. Meanwhile I have demonstrated sufficient confidence in the venture to give Hilda an advance in shillings.

Hilda was on Radio 3 times yesterday but was so busy during the day that I didn't hear until the one at 9.45 p.m. last night, which came over well. Will hear the others during the week as Radio Tanzania uses all their programmes twice.

Expect that Hilda will tell you how we got a telephone call from Sunday Express Jhb. to check that Eli was alive as somebody had phoned our house to say that he died in Amsterdam and that his body was being transported. Eli quoted (was it Mark Twain?) who said that the news was somewhat premature and highly exaggerated. They didn't take it too seriously at home as they knew that he had returned from Amsterdam 3 weeks ago and furthermore that this hoax was being perpetrated for the 2nd time in a couple of weeks. Jack Curtis had been phoned to say that his son-in-law Marius Schopen had died in Botswana. Poor man rushed off to Botswana to find that Marius had nothing more serious than hepatitis.

Hope you and Keith are coping.

Love to you both,

29.9.89.

Dear Hilda Rusty,

Feb, I do indeed plead guilty. In mitigation I can only say that I have been wanting to write for months and as evidence of this, I have been accumulating a few things of passing interest which I shall enclose. From my past performance, you know I do not like letter-writing especially the preliminary of finding a pad, the time to write what must coincide with the mood, and thereafter everything is plain sailing.

I have finally sorted and am beginning to plan a new life which will include learning to play an instrument, the challenge of oil painting and a project I am planning right now which is to raise a substantial capital sum to be handed over to the SA Institute of Race Relations to administer - the capital sum to remain intact but the income to be utilised for providing bursaries for underprivileged people to attend tertiary, teacher training colleges and teacher enrichment programmes. I have been associated with the Institute as an executive for about 10 years. They handle major custody funds on behalf of SA companies, Canadian US and Dutch Governments turning into something like £8m per annum but of about 13,000 annual applicants, they are able to accept 400-600 new people annually.

The demand is vast and as most of the African teachers are unqualified, I believe I shall be assisting the greatest need and the results in relative terms should be widespread. Funny that two of us should in general terms be in the same field for ever.

I was upset to read that even in your latest letter <sup>(23/7/59)</sup> that your project is still not off the ground. I hope material progress has now been made. Your general description of the small town sounds interesting. This leads me to your opening paragraph. Thanks for remembering my birthday - I tend to forget most things these days but I am always in time for meals, so don't be upset if I forget your birthdays. For the record I am 74 years young. Jean has made a wonderful recovery. Her attack was occasioned by a narrowed artery and modern practice enabled the introduction of an instrument which enters the groin and when it reaches the obstruction, a balloon is inflated which stretched the offending part - I suppose you know all about this procedure. Now after 5 months she has been playing tennis for the past 2 months and is back to normal in every way. The important thing to avoid these blockages seems to be sensible diet which should include oats and roughage so if you can, eat porridge daily.

I enclose a cutting about Sir Keith which you might find interesting. He has been extensively interviewed on TV in the last few months and his message has been that one must meet "reife" but pass on to new challenges which must demand mental abilities — I was unable to find anything he said with which I disagreed. Working paper 25 is of specific interest to you both from page 216 onwards. You are probably aware that the government-appointed commission contrary to most things here came out with a Bill of Rights which was liberal and very acceptable. This week the chairman of the commission stated that legislation would be introduced giving effect to some of the recommendations and that subsequently further aspects would be dealt with on an instalment plan. The question is whether the result will accord with world standards of abilities it will be a meaningless compromise. Any bets. Meanwhile the political scene here is very fluid — any question can be cogently argued as usual we hope for the best but fear the worst. Nevertheless about 10 hangings have been committed and F.W.'s immediate reaction to the election results was to say that 70% ~~was~~ of votes cast, was in favour of democratic change. The fact that he included the N.P. with the Democrats may be significant of a bloody check. So doubt you know about these things as they happen.

In August, Jean and I were given by friends access to their holiday cottage at San Laroet, a picturesque development immediately north of Chapalga. We were there 10 days and visited Chapalga which is underdeveloped and thus still charming. Things went happen simply and 2 weeks ago we dined at mutual friends with Bozzoli and his wife - you may recall him as a past principal at Wits. They live in Chapalga 3 months in the year in their own abode.

Belated I enclose photos of our 1988 reunion. It seems like years ago. Thanks for news of your family. In return, I report that we hear spasmodically from Richard and Isobel. They are both well. Eric and Rena now have 3 boys - 11, 8 and 1. What pleasure to watch them growing up! Jean is busy with the Ashaw Foundation, deriving great satisfaction from her activities there and if Group Areas Act is repealed, you will know that the WF. was behind it - it is generally acknowledged that influx control and repeal of the pass laws was as a result of the WF efforts, and I believe, of hers. A hint of mine in London sent me a tape of the BBC discussion from Paris and naturally, we felt that Hilda was the only one to make sense or attempt to address the subject - well done Hilda. Good luck too for your new book.

Best wishes to you both. Hope your prudent venture is off the ground and a success. Jean & friends best wishes

To keep writing when in the mood. And  
that pressure on me and my ever  
making, I should be able to respond  
regularly. Your light touch and descriptive  
ability all add to our enjoyment - and  
sided, I know  
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