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Dearest Bob,

How are you? You must be feeling a lot happier now that Veronica is with you. Has she definitely got a job? And how does the salary compare with what she was getting in Johannesburg?

I could not get Dr Nysberg onto the Saturday flight that I wrote about in my last letter. Instead, he will be arriving in Kimberley at 8.40 am (still on Saturday, June 28). We should, therefore, be with you at your home shortly after 9 am. OK? If I don't hear from Mr Meyer within the next couple of days I'll put through a call to him to check about Dr Nysberg's permit which I have asked for.

I had a letter yesterday from Sister Stephanie in Lesotho, asking when Miliswa would be hearing from the pen friends I promised. I was cross with myself for having ~~forgot~~ forgotten to ask the children, Dini and Miliswa, about this when I saw them in Kimberley. Can you ask them whether they have had any pen friend letters yet? Pen friends of mine in the USA, UK and Israel said they would arrange pen friends for both of them.

With Claude due, I hope, sometime this week, I feel very much as though I am living in suspense. I am so looking forward to her coming, and am very hopeful indeed that things will work out well between us. I liked your description of her as a "natural" person. You really caught her spirit well. She has written to her father to tell him that she is returning and that she and I are much involved. As a result, he phoned me the other day to voice his strongest objections! Said he would disinherit her! I assured him I couldn't care less whether she had any money or not, and he seemed to accept this. Extraordinary. Anyway, we had a long talk in which he told me exactly how little he thinks of my politics and activities, thanked me for discussing things so rationally and calmly with him -- and assured me that he had not changed his view about me. I hope the wretched man isn't going to try to cause any trouble. There's enough of it around the place as it is.

Meanwhile, just to add to the excitement, I had a long phone call from Norma in London on Friday night. She wants a reconciliation. I said no, not interested. I told her how I had tried to explain our relationship to you, and that when I came to last year you had goggled at me with amazement and had looked at me ^{though} though I was mad (you did, you know!). And that it had sounded outrageous even to my ears so I had dropped the subject.

I've just thought: if Zedwa looks at this letter, woman-like she's going to have lots to say!

It's been a nasty week politically, hasn't it? The Lonkoe inquest, with the shutter coming down hard, and the BOSS Bill..... Did you see also that small report about Helen asking a question about the Kgoathe death in jail and the Minister solemnly ~~asking~~ asking that the question stand over, with the Wats laughing away because they knew this meant it would not be raised again until next year with Parliament ending? I found it chilling. But then I tend to find a lot of things chilling these days, even with all my cynicism.

Write soon. Love to Veronica and the children.

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