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My dear Miliswa and Dini,

As I think your Mother told Miliswa on the phone on Sunday, Anne were in Kimberley over the weekend. We were very worried when your Mother phoned us on Friday to tell us that Tata had been taken to the hospital there, so we drove down on Saturday.

To be honest, he was very ill when we saw him that day and we were extremely concerned. But already by Saturday evening he was beginning to recover and by the time we left Kimberley, on Monday morning, he was on his way back to being his normal self. We spent many hours with him over the weekend, just sitting quietly or talking and talking. As you probably know, it seems that what happened was that he had not been able to keep down his food or liquids and this, together with the high amounts of medicines he was on, starting causing kidney trouble. But the hospital put him on a drip and the nourishment quickly brought him round again. It looks as though he will be in hospital for a few days and will then be able to go home again. I spoke to your Mother on the phone a few minutes ago and she told me that Tata is now feeling a great deal better.

As I know you will want to have the full details of what has been happening, I am writing this joint letter to both of you, with a copy of the letter going to Dini.

We were glad to hear from your Parents that you are both keeping well. When you have the chance, will you write to us? We are always anxious to know how you are. It seems that Dali is also getting on well: I hope his phone calls to you, Miliswa, are not eating too much into your income!

While I think of it, one of the amazing things about visiting Tata in hospital was the number of people, from Galeshewe and elsewhere in Kimberley, who were simply coming into the room to stand quietly around and then to leave quietly. It was quite a demonstration of the love and concern which so many have for Tata. I believe that when he was at Groote Schuur Hospital, exactly the same things happened, with eye white porters coming in and leaving R1 or R1,50 for fruit or something to be bought. What a mad, and yet beautiful, country we have.

My plans for being in the US in April are going well. It seems I shall be giving one or two lectures at Ann Arbor so I will look forward to seeing Miliswa at least. And with luck, Dini and Dali also.

We are all well and send our love to you.

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