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My dear Benjamin,

Please forgive the delay in replying to your letter dated Aug. 2nd. This has been a very busy period with more work than I have had for some time. Unfortunately not having a clerk means that I have to do everything myself without support. As an example tomorrow I have to lodge an application before the District Court in Pretoria. This involves getting 16 affidavits signed, served on the District Court & the employer & then going to PtA to lodge - utterly unproductive in financial terms.

Benjamin, I have no recollection whatsoever as to the name of the S.B. man who made sure I went straight to Bob's house & left at precisely the appointed time. I also can't remember the year. I do remember it was shortly after you got a new car & on our way back I got ~~one~~ its first ticket for speeding. It also was not long after they introduced the 80kph speed limit.

Bob's house was a solid house with good size rooms of the kind you still

in Kensington or Orange Grove. The grounds had no ^{flower} plants & I seem to recall a bit of a vegetable garden in the back.

I remember Bob desperately wanting a heater because he said the house was very cold — and that you arranged for one. ^{The house was} ~~sparingly furnished~~

Galeshewe Township's "roads" left out to be done & I ~~do~~ recall then being a test of my driving skills.

I seem to recall that I had to be out by 9 p.m. Whilst we had worked hard during the day, that evening we spoke generally exp. about the developing Black Consciousness movement. He told me that he had told Bob that the PAC had not been anti-white but was determined to be black self-reliant & that he feared the BC movement was being anti-white (even though he would never say this in public).

His greatest difficulty was in comprehending Company law — how you created a co. out of nothing, gave it life & then wound it up. Liquidating a company, for him, meant simply tearing up the co. documents. It is interesting that he failed the first try at

the Board encounters only because of the Company Law Section. He passed on the secret
 try.

I wonder if you remember how he was exploited by his foreigner (whose name escapes me) & how horrified he was how his foreigner cheated & overbought his clients. Also how he reacted to the news that the ~~passage~~ A.D. appeal had been lost & that he would have to remain in S.A.

From your enquiry it is clear that you have reached a critical point in the book. I appreciate your problem - Barney & Athol have never known where to stop but knowing you, ~~I~~ ^{there will} ~~be~~ a little, if anything, which will be superfluous.

I hope it is published soon after completion & am sure it will be widely sold.

Talking of Athol - his play about pigs was very successful here & has been replaced at the Market by Othello with Janet Duryon directing John Kane as Othello & Herbert

Haves as Jags. Joanne Warkley is
Desiderata. It opens this week with considerably
pre-opening bookings.

29 Sept.

I'm delighted that I have taken so long to continue
this letter. The Othello was remarkably good,
save, unfortunately, for John Kane who was not strong
so one had no sense of his tragedy. He seemed too
concerned with his lines rather than his passion.
However it is a joy to see a Shakespeare tragedy on
the West stage.

A happy new year to you all + good
wishes. We had Home Top + Geoff Buller + Kels
for dinner 1st night RH + on the second Jill W, Hilary
K, Dave, Jane Ciller, Pat's niece Gill + live-in-
man + ~~also~~ my niece. Very good evening.

We spoke of you all + expressed concern about
your position although we are all delighted you are
getting on with the book. Have things changed since
your letter (Aug 22) job-wise? And Anne's
pursuing a book-design? I have a terrible
feeling of deprivation not knowing ~~if~~ how
my funds are living + coping (or not).
We are almost certain to come to the

UK next July. The kids next-year holiday is only 3 wks long. Pat & I are thinking of coming over ^{to the UK} a week before the children do our thing. The children will ^{then} join us for a wk in the UK, then on to Paris & nearby areas for about a week & then Israel for a similar period. Very hot & crowded I know but we have little choice as seasons even shorter. Perhaps pre-children's arrival we can take you up on your offer.

After some trauma & indecision Justice has finally decided to go to Greenacre ^{High} next year. Mind ~~the~~ concern about the size of the place & let's face it, she is no scholar. K. D. was an educational disaster, even apart from her own educational ineptness. Incredibly next year's fees in Str 5 will be £1625 per term & from 1 will be £1590 per term. — & for that sort of education! I appreciate that this is trifling compared with the cost of Lyden's schooling but he is getting a very substantial education.

Lyden is maturing very slowly & is a rather typical ^{5th} 14 yr old who doesn't work very hard or produce much evidence of thinking. He however is still very affectionate & is good for when away from the TV.

I am quite occupied at work although with little concerning the emergency - (That emergency one may ask after reading the daily & Sunday press?) Quite a lot of institutional work - trusts, Sec 21 Companies, Tax exemptors & work for Widgessport, SACEED, Open School, SAIRK, USWE, Market Theatre, Children Theatre etc etc - some of which is actually payable although it had to get paid by NAMDA for doing their Co & trust. A few re. of actions against the police for shooting (including an action by Peter Magubane for his injuries a couple of years ago). For the 1st time recently the Minister raised the "bona fide" defence into the emergency regulations.

The length of this letter must indicate at least, a great need on my part to communicate with you. If you have reached this point after you have considerable staying power.

By the way we will be taking Robin Foyles house in Arncliffe for 2 weeks in Dec. We have (or rather he has) a guest room & if you decide to holiday in the Cape we can put you up for part of your stay. My fondest love to Anne
 Yours
 Raymond

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