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April 22, 1959

PERSONAL

Mrs. Peter Abrahams,
c/o West Indies General Insurance Ltd.,
164 Harbour Street,
KINGSTON.

Dear Daphne,

As promised, I enclose the article and pictures of the various rather intriguing new types of fire-places as pictured in a very recent State-side issue of LIFE.

In looking at the picture again with you in mind, it seems to me that someone like Kelly's Engineering, the Patio Shop or Diamond Ironworks could well make something for you on this or to your own design, particularly if you look at the third one from the left in the background, which I see no reason why it couldn't be a completely circular one. Anyway, for what it is worth, keep this as long as you like and return it to me at your leisure.

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing you all on Sunday, but could have wished that that dreadful man had not appeared to spoil it!!!

Yours sincerely,

Jayne-

Jayne Campbell

enc.

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Dear Daphne & also line
to wish you a very happy
Christmas. Glad New Year
I am staying at St Leonards
on Sea for the week end & some
sketching. It is very wet &
windy here so we look

shelter on the River &
sketched from there.
We may go to the Old Town
on Sunday & do something
I am staying over till
Monday as it will be
better for getting back
Blanche had decided

to carry on nursing till
spring & it is something to
do with her selling more
benefit from insurance
if she can manage to stay
till then. I have passed

to & I think I will be
giving up work soon
I have received of a new

Beck's Breakfast-Face
in the Woldenbury Road
wharf & think will suit me.
Fred has booked after me for
a long time now. I think
Blanche & he would be
happier on their own. I
will keep in touch with the
W T H sketching parties
if I do leave. Edward
& Violet will be here for
a long day. Tuesday

Done to all & love to the



Mr Abraham

Curryes

Deal Hill

Jamaica

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19 Waterloo Road,
Kingston 10.

28.2.83

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As for the Cadbury's: they came here during the Manley regime, but they certainly did not make family planning government sponsored, nor did any report by Dr Senior have any effect. Beth and Len tried to get the Govt. and the Opposition together at meetings at the University right up ^{to the day} ~~to the day~~ before Dr E's speech at Sav. but they bowed out at the last minute. *
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of order.

If you would care for any other information, you could ring here one evening and have a word with Jeffrey, he is much more au fait with the subject that I am - that is of course if and when your phone comes back !

What a lovely rain we had yesterday, did you go out and dance in it ? Nobody would have seen you in your acres !

All the best,

Leanne

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29 Stirling Street,
Cape Town
July 5, 1956

Dear Mrs Abrahams/

I do hope you, Peter and the children are all well. I am not sure whether Peter is in England or abroad. The newspapers here usually make mention of his movements. I have not heard from him for years — I think he is like me, — I write letters once in a blue moon.

Kindly convey my congratulations to him on the publication of UDOLLO — review of which I enclose. From there you will note, it has received a mixed reception. All are agreed however about Mr Abrahams's ability as a novelist.

If he is at home, ask him if I can use one of his short stories or sketches in a collection of works which I am compiling for a local charity. There will be so much that is amateurish that I simply must include an Abrahams contribution. I have one written in the year "forget me not". All I want is his OK if he can't send along a later one. Will you help?

we here are still plodding along. Kathleen is no longer teaching. Rhoda is doing her matriculation final course and is way out at Athlone which is about 10 miles from here, although a high school is opposite our house. There is no explanation for the femininity of the female of the species!!!

Then to end — Many happy returns of the day — on the 23rd if my memory serves me correctly. Kathleen and the children join me in sending you our felicitations. We hope to meet the Abrahams clan here (or there) one day. We will save some of our Cape Sunshine for you. I am writing with the warm sun streaming through the window — this in the heart of winter!!

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Yours sincerely

George Manuel

3rd February 1966

Daphne dear,

I am glad to know that the keys reached you and I am amused at the thought of uncovering some long-lost things. Quite exciting!

I was happy to have all your news. I can imagine the difficulties of training a new "May" as well as having to cope without Merrick. I thought of you at Xmas time with the orange crop etc. Wished I was there to share in the excitement.

I do think it is the limit about the book I wanted Naomi to have. Isn't it possible to enquire at the customs or wherever else it may have landed. After all it was given into the care of that man who came to lunch that day and he undertook to deliver it.!! Not good enough!! (Said she, hautilly!).

I have heard from Happy that Dorothy is now back home, but he doesn't seem to think she is doing too well. I have been hoping to see her, but, at the moment, they are seeking a new home.

We've had a foul winter. One of the worst for several years...although that is always said. Nevertheless it has been awful and I have felt like a Eskimo in the way I have had to clothe myself. That is one of the things i hate about cold weather...the amount of clothing one has to put on. On top of that, one gets so filthy in the contaminated air of London, with the exhaust pipes of the cars belching out blue fumes. It is not so bad as far as smoke is concerned, for over the past few years London has been declared a smokeless zone. Still, it is pretty grim. When I think of the clear and sunny air of those magic Islands I become unsettled and long for the warm rays of a real sunshine! I am toying with the notion of tripping off to Israel at the end of this year, if I can afford it. Would have to stay for about six months as if I left in October I should not want to get back to the U.K. until the end of March. All that is in the air at the moment.

My fond love to you all. I hope that you are enjoying life and finding things going well in all directions.

Love,
Lois

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Mrs. Peter Abrahams,

"Coyaba", Red Hills P.O.,

St. Andrew, JAMAICA,

WEST INDIES.

I finally wrote to my parents telling them about Peter and that we were serious partners. The only reason we were not married was because his estranged wife was not willing to divorce him; but I was expecting a baby. My father wrote back a small note saying that in cases like this the man would leave in due course. My mother in her letter made a strong plea to have an abortion, then come home and forget about the whole thing. She also implied that Peter had taken advantage of me, being young and innocent.

I was devastated that they had not even considered meeting Peter before condemning him. I was so angry that I could not think properly. I was upset that my own mother wanted me to kill my child and would not listen to me. Peter tried to comfort me and said he would always look after me no matter what. I wrote an angry letter telling my parents that I was not so innocent and could make my own decisions. I never thought that I would not be able to think for myself. I had never felt so alone, not knowing to mention that with the exception of one all were just platonic friends, perhaps giving the impression that I had slept with them all. A distressed Aunt Blanche said later that my mother told her that I had told her that as long as I was not married I did not want to have anything to do with any children I might have as I did not want her attitude to affect their development. I tried hard to convince myself that in time my parents would come around. As it was they tried to pressure the British Embassy to look into it and get me back to them. A representative came and talked to Peter and

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Mrs. Daphne Abrahams,
Coyaba,
RED HILLS P.O.

Dear Mrs. Abrahams,

Thank you for your letter of the 14th instant
and its enclosures.

It is regrettable that you have found it
necessary to discontinue your association with the Branch.

Our records disclose that we do not owe you
£49.0.0d as you claim. There are 16 (not 13) Reading
Cards in the series you illustrated and we believe that
you should have by now received a cheque for £28.0.0d
for the first 8, payment of which was processed by us as
far back as 27th February, 1960. Previous to this you
were paid for 12 illustrations for "Tony's Vegetable Garden."

We therefore owe you only for the second 8
Reading Card illustrations and one additional illustration
for "Tony's Vegetable Garden", each at £3.10.0d making a
total of £31.10.0d. We will gladly cause remittance of
this amount to be made as soon as we have received an
appropriate bill from you.

Yours sincerely,



M. S. WELLER
for Permanent Secretary.

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