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<p>1965-66</p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">NOTE: years 1965-1979 contain Muriel's form correspondence letters to friends. After that the correspondence between Muriel and David includes their form letters and also their personal letters.</p>					
28 Apr 1965	Muriel to friends	Form	6		She big things in her life that are well described. 1) Seretse won the Pres. elections in Botswana and became first president; she attended his swearing in. 2) She won Kitwe Council for UNIP. 3) She became a Zambian citizen.
9 Nov 1965	Muriel to friends	Form	2		Travelled to Nairobi; Kitwe City Council a UNIP; Welensky problem; Haile Selassie's visit
No date	Muriel to friends	Form	1		Orphan page – try to find year
8 Mar 1966	Muriel to friends	Form	2		Form letter mainly announces her plan to marry Murray Sanderson in 1966
One or more pages missing about wedding to Murray and thereafter					
<p>1967-71</p>					
12 Nov 1967	Muriel to friends	Form	3		Says one year since she wrote last form letter; describes her life w/Murray; burglarized home; visited Kenya coast and England together; Zambia's current difficult crisis w/Rhod. UDI. UNZA crisis.
2 May 1968	Muriel to friends	Form	1		Split with Murray described; permanent.
18 Nov 1969	Muriel to friends	Form	7		All Af. Conf of Church described at length in Abidjan. Work w/YMCA; Jeff Iredale died.
9 Jun 1970	Muriel to friends	Form	1		Visited Kenya; planning to visit UK later in year.
4 Nov 1970	Muriel to friends	Form	2		Mindolo; Sept's big Non-Aligned Conference at Mulungushi (Sept) that was built for event: key people she mentioned at Khamas, Tito and wife, Went to major YWCA conf. in Kenya
16 Oct 1971	Muriel to friends	Form	1		Treustral

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7 Nov 1971	Muriel to friends	Form	5		Desc. trip to Botswana earlier in year and Botswana's good economic situation. YWCA update; life in Kitwe; July & Aug. two months leave in Geneva, Cornwall and London; ; divorce almost finalized
1972-78					
19 Aug 1972	Muriel to friends	Form	5		Divorce on 29th March. Long narrative of 1972 events; visited Botswana for Easter; Jackie engaged; Ian at Sandhurst; life in Kitwe; YWCA
11 Nov 1972	Muriel to friends	Form	3		50th birthday; visited Gaborone briefly for it. 5 weeks in Barotseland for course and vacation. Met Litunga. Jackie's wedding plans. Update on life in Kitwe and Mindolo.
24 Oct 1973	Muriel to friends	Form	8		[No page six.] Visited Botswana on 30 Sept. for its 7th anniversary; also Ruth and Seretse's 25th anniversary. Ian finished Sandhurst; Mindolo problems. Murray's new wife. Drove to Dar es Salaam for holiday. Serious rheumatism. Malawi in August. Serious effects of Rhodesian UDI. Zambian politics compared to Malawi and Tanzania.
29 Sep 1974	Muriel to friends	Form	2		Letter covered the whole year. Described last year's Xmas visit to Botswana and family. Easter at Kariba. All Af. Conf. of churches in Lusaka.
8 Sep 1975	Muriel to friends	Form	7		Family matters last Christmas in Botswana. Mindolo update; Kuomboka ceremony in Barotseland in Western Province. UDI caused shortages continue.
20 Mar 1976	Muriel to friends	Form	2		In England at present when writing on Holiday and making plans for the year. Resigned from Mindolo and took job with travel agency, which will make future travel easier. Great shortage of accountants in Zambia at present.
Aug 1977	Muriel to friends	Form	4		Luangwa Game Park. Shortages because of UDI continue. Zambia's 20th Anniv. YWCA. Described new travel agency job. Seretse's health. Other family matters. Life (& theatre in Kitwe.
1978					
Mar 1978	Muriel to friends	Form	5		Her past holiday to Canada via Germany. Xmas in Botswana. UDI food shortages. YWCA
13 Sept. 1978	Muriel to David	m/s	4	From Kitwe	Ruth visited; brake problems on car
25 Sept. 1978	David to Muriel	Typed	1	From Solwezi	My car problems; we hoped to meet soon

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1979-80					
6 Aug 1979	M to D	m/s	2; yes	D	Lusaka w/Ruth + Seretse @ Major Conferences
15 Nov 1979	M to D	m/s	2; ending only	from Melbourne	Visited Seychelles and Singapore on way to Australia
4 Dec 1979	D to M	typed	1	reply to 15 Nov	The Iranian situation being the current news & worries
9 Jan 1980	M to D	m/s	4; yes	D's Xmas form letter	Kitwe: shortages in Zambia; Rhodesian situation, Muzorewa
26 Jan 1980	D to M	typed	2; yes	Syracuse; reply to 26 Jan. 1980	Life in America and at Syracuse Univ.
3 May 1980	M to D	m/s	2; yes	From Gab.	Zimbabwe Independence; Party to celebrate 20 yrs of Zambia
3 Aug 1980	D to M	typed	1	Seretse's death	
21 Sept 1980	M to D	form	3+1; yes	Kitwe	Very excellent description of Seretse's final days and death; effect on all. Possibly one of Muriel's best
30 Sept 1980	M to D	form	5 + 1; yes	Kitwe; supplement to previous	MEF situation, Zambia's severe security and economic problems; attempted Zambian coup; 2 pp. on Seychelles and Australian trips
23 Nov 1980	D to M	form	4	Syracuse	Life in Syracuse / Upstate NY / USA; Zindi and David's visit to the Pacific North West in May; Mt. St. Helene's drama; new world of computers; expanding world communications
25 Nov 1980	D to M	m/s	2; yes	Syracuse	Life-style changed; Flat in Syracuse
1981-82					
16 May 1981	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Kitwe; reply to card	Serious crime in towns
25 Oct 1981	M to D	Form + m/s	3+1; yes	Kitwe	Ruth's award and Ruth's busy life in Botswana (esp. Red Cross); M's work in YMCA; Story of Francis (Watchman); trip to England (midyear)
9 Dec 1981	D to M	typed	3	RP; reply to Oct., 25	Moved to NYC; life in NYC
23 Jan 1982	M to D	m/s	2;yes	Kitwe; reply to 12/9/1	Plans visiting the USA (I)
7 Apr 1982	D to M	m/s	2;yes	RP	General news

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2 May 1982	M to D	typed	1; yes	Kitwe; reply to last m	Plans visiting the USA (II)
5 Oct 1982	M to D	typed	2; yes	Kitwe	Reflections on American trip
17 Nov 1982	M to D	form	3; yes	Form: 30 Oct.1982	Reflections on Am. Trip; Amsterdam visit; general news of life at MEF; Z's bankrupt economy
1983-84					
30 May 1983	M to D	m/s	3; yes	Kitwe	Life in Zambia
12 June 1983	D to M	m/s	4; yes	RP	Completing Ph. D. and job hunt in NYC
4 Aug 1983	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Kitwe	General news
15 Oct 1983	M to D	form	4	Kitwe	Ruth's house destroyed (fire); general Kitwe news; MEF's 25th jubilee
31 Oct 1983	D to M	m/s	1; yes	RP	Dissertation
24 July 1984	D to M	typed	1	RP	General news
5 Aug 1984	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Kitwe	David's vacation in Ontario is mentioned
9 Nov 1984	M to D	form	7+1, yes	Kitwe	Turnbull Gibson (M: Managing Director); Mauritius; 4 pp. narrative on YMCA trip to Far East (1983) Life in Zambia esp. shortages and 20th Anniversary
6 Dec 1984	D to M	m/s	2; yes	RP	General news
1985-86					
22 Mar 1985	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Kitwe; reply to Dec.	Zambia's severe shortages
23 May 1985	D to M	m/s	2; yes	Montego Bay, Jam.	
31 July 1985	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Kitwe; Reply to Jam.	Petrol and other shortages in Zambia
23 Oct 1985	M to D	typed	2; yes	Kitwe	21st Independence Anniversary of Zambia; Collapsing economy, shortages & inflation; British 6 week holiday
20 July 1986	M to D	typed	2	Kitwe; Reply to note	Tourism deteriorating, Chobe Xmas 1985 w/family

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30 Aug 1986	M to D	form	5+1; yes	Kitwe	Botswana Xmas 1985; Chobe at Easter w/family; Zambia's tourism crisis
27 Nov 1986	D to M	form	2	NYC (Thanksgiving)	Zindi's precarious health; life in NYC; Zindi's insurance problems; started working at ML (Hlth Care); AIDs and world situation
3 Dec 1986	D to M	typed	1	RP; reply to 30 Aug.	General news
1987-88					
24 Mar 1987	M to D	form	5+1; yes	Kitwe	London Nov/Dec 1986 & Kitwe Riots (food); Australia Holiday w/Ruth
28 Apr 1987	D to M	typed	1	RP; M's 24th Mar	General news
12 July 1987	M to D	typed & m/s	1+1; yes	Kitwe	Muriel's plan to travel to England for surgery
Date cut off	M to D	m/s	2; yes	England	Post surgery in England
13 Oct 1987	M to D	form	2	England/Kitwe	Pre-surgery in Sweden & Germany; past hip surgery in England
July 1988	M to D	form	2; yes	Kitwe	Back to MEF (after TG); rewrote 1987 accounts at MEF;
Xmas 1988	M to D	card	1; no	RP	M: Xmas card
1989-90					
6 Jan 1989	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Botswana reply to card Xmas at Serowe	
4 Apr 1989	D to M	typed	1	RP	Zindi's health and NYC life; Jim Forbes at R'side church
July 1989	M to D	form + m/s	2 + 1; yes	Kitwe / Mombasa	Visits in Kitwe by Pope, Anglican Archbishop and Ian Khama; Xmas in Gab.; Zambia's serious economic crises
2 Oct 1989	D to M	typed	2	RP	Zindi's cataracts removed; Riverside
31 Oct 1989	M to D	m/s	3; yes	Gab.	In Botswana about A Marriage of Inconvenience being filmed; overview of MEF
27 Nov 1989	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Kitwe	Sympathy reply about Zindi's death
2 Jan 1990	M to D	m/s	4; yes	Serowe, reply	AIDS devastating Zambia; Xmas in Serowe w/family

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5 Apr 1990	D to M	typed	2	RP	General NYC news; Riverside (Forbes)
28 Nov 1990	M to D	form + m/s	4 + 1; yes		Khama "Wedding of the year" (2 pp); MEF described & its adm. challenges
1991-92					
16 June 1991	D to M	typed	2 + 2	RP, wedding reply	Plans for Zambian visit; visits in RP by James / Pascal; my computer work
27 Aug 1991	M to D	m/s	4; yes	Kitwe	About my trip to southern Africa; her 10-week British holiday
13 Sept 1991	D to M	typed	2	RP	My travel plans w/AAD Family
19 Nov 1991	M to D	form + m/s	5 + 1; yes	Kitwe	Elections (peaceful) and transition to multiparty rule in Zambia after 27 UNIP rule; M as Ag Dir at MEF; roaring inflation; European 2-month vacation
16 Dec 1991	D to M	typed	2	RP	NYC life, travel plans for southern Africa in 1992
30 Jan 1992	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Kitwe; my plans	1992 Trip plans w/AAD Family
21 Feb 1992	D to M	typed	2	RP	Plans for visiting Kitwe on 16th March 1992
1 June 1992	D to M	form	3	RP	Outline of my form letter to M and others about the AAD family visit to Africa in March/April (not 100% sure that I sent it off or just a draft)
4 May 1992	D to M	typed	2	RP	Description of trip to southern Africa
23 July 1992	D to M	typed	1	RP	Post Af. trip news about AAD Family; Am. election campaign
8 Oct 1992	M to D	form + m/s	5 + 1; yes	Kitwe; July letter	MEF strike; new govt disappointing (Chiluba weak + corruption); soaring inflation; crime; Easter in Botswana and July again for Seretse's statue unveiling; plans for European trip for MEF; 70th birthday; Zambian drought
14 Dec 1992	D to M	form	4	NYC (ML)	"1992 in David's Big Apple": Life in NYC and details of travel to Af in March; reflections on living in southern Africa from 1963-68; "world wide view commentary: 1992"
1993-94					
8 May 1993	M to D	form + m/s	3 + 1; yes	Kitwe; Xmas	Okavango safari; Khama family affairs; MEF having busy times
16 July 1993	D to M	Typed	2	RP; reply Okavango	Life in NYC and NYC heat wave

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28 Aug 1993	M to D	form + m/s	1 + 2; yes	Kitwe	Health difficulties (hip); planning retirement from MEF
20 Sept 1993	D to M	typed	1	RP	AAD Family news; Riverside homeless shelter
21 Sept 1993	M to D	form + m/w	1 + 1	Kitwe	Planned hip surgery in Botswana; Khama family news
1 Oct 1993	D to M	typed	1	RP, short reply	Plans to see Heidi in Germany
15 Feb 1994	D to M	Typed	1	RP	Life in NYC
17 Apr 1994	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Kitwe	M's post surgery & pending retirement
29 Apr 1994	D to M	typed	2	RP, 17th April	General
24 May 1994	M to D	form	4 + 1; yes	Kitwe; Xmas letter	David's Iceland / Germany trip; joy over expected S.Af. independence under Mandela; hip surgery successful in Botswana (compared to 1987); Ruth's 70th birthday; Chobe & Serowe visits followed by Mombasa in Dec 1993; retirement notice to MEF given; worsening Zambia economy; Chobe at Easter 1994.
11 July 1994	D to M	typed	1	reply to 24 May	Nevada trip
22 Oct / Nov 1994	M to D	form	2	Kitwe	Still at MEF; YWCA matters; local Zambian travel
1 Nov 1994	D to M	typed	2	RP; 24 May reply	Dental surgery and hepatitis A; Am. elections; R'side shelter
12 Dec 1994	M to D	m/s	1; yes	Kitwe; last letter	General news
24 Dec 1994	D to M	typed	1	RP	Work at Merrill Lynch
1995-96					
10 May 1995	D to M	typed	1	RP reply	Plans for travel
29 May 1995	M to D	form	3+2; yes	Kitwe	Finally retired & packing up to leave MEF, Easter spent in Botswana; Ruth visits, Zambian Airways collapsed & economy terrible; last Xmas in Durban and then Gab. where bitten by dog; planning eye surgery in UK.
6 June 1995	D to M	typed	2	RP, reply 29thMay	Her travel plans, my future travel plans, spring travel to Iowa to see Bwalya graduate and will begin running Rathbun Marina, drove to see Fred/Sue in Dubuque, Zambia's horrible economy

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14 Dec 1995	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab.	Back from England; Her had health experience with inner ear and then fall in hospital; found a flat, "I'm in limbo"; corruption in Zambia
25 Dec 1995	D to M	typed	2	RP, Christmas update	Lower back & foot problems; Bwalya running resort & visit to NYC w/Maggie; drive from Rathbun to Ozark Mts. visit to New Orleans; plans to visit southern Af. in Feb; can we meet?
15 Jan 1996	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab., Xmas reply	General news
25 Jan 1996	D to M	typed	1	RP, Jan 15th reply	Coming to southern Af in Feb; snowstorm
26 Mar 1996	M to D	form	5 + 1; yes	Gab.	We missed each other in Afr., M's new flat, ear infection, "limbo" in Kitwe; move to Gab. (travel woes); 3 month last summer in UK (memorable); cataract removal; Zambia's economic decline and pathetic politics
17 July 1996	D to M	typed	2	RP, 26 Mar. reply	General news: N.Am. travels; Pumla's death; Adele in Texas
9 Aug 1996	M to D	m/s	5; yes	Gab., D's Af report	Comments on D's travel report; M's interest in sports on TV;
22 Oct 1996	M to D	form	4	Gab.	M's Xmas letter; settling in to new life in Botswana; Mokolodi ½ day volunteer work; 30th year Independence celebration; new church; cool weather; Finally bad news from Zambia
Late Nov 1996	D to M	form	2	NYC	Card created by David w/UN theme; w/one page letter inside: life in NYC and planned Af. Trip
1997-98					
Feb/Mar 1997	D to M	form	1	NYC	Trip to southern Africa: "swimming in a million square mile tropical fish tank and other stories"; Malawi, Zimbabwe, etc.
1 June 1997	M to D	m/s	4; yes	Gab., reply note	M's interest in Britain & Blair's win; Kruger and travel in S.Af. w/friends, Doris got very ill; her dinner at State House (Pres. Masire)
8 July 1997	D to M	typed	2	RP; reply to 1 June	N.Am. travels (Dad to Ohio) w/Iowa in the middle; D's trip to Am. in Feb/March; straight back to work at ML
14 Aug 1997	M to D	typed + m/s	3 + 2; yes	Gab.	Xmas in C.T. w/family + Garden route; Easter on Okavango; Events in Gab. and sports on TV; Many friends' visits to Gab. (including DW's first visit, in Feb); settled to new life in Gab.
17 Nov 1997	M to D	form	2	Gab.	Visitors during year; visit to Jo'burg w/Ruth; plans for second cataract surgery; 75th b'day braai in Mokolodi
19 Nov 1997	D to M	typed	4	RP, 14th Aug form	My work in NYC (esp. ML w/big changes); shipped computers to Zambia (customs problems); news about Zambian friends visiting NYC; Whiteheads in Livingstone; Riverside; Namibian travel

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					plans in next year
Xmas 1997	D to M	typed	2	NYC	Xmas form letter describing trip to southern Africa earlier in the year; quotations from Zindi and favorite of mine; General news on Am., etc.
2 Aug 1998	M to D	form + m/s	3 + 2; yes	Gab., D's Xmas	Friends visiting in Gab.; Clinton's favorable visit to Botswana/Mokolodi; visit to Okavango; Family affairs (wedding, etc.); Wimbledon & World Cup
16 Sept 1998	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab. – reply to D's letter (missing)	D's father's death; general news
30 Sept 1998	D to M	typed	1	RP – reply 16th Sept	Zambian news via Internet; next trip to Af changed to Feb. 1999; AIDS in Zambia; Whiteheads
24 Nov 1998	M to D	form + m/s	3 + 2; yes	Gab., D's 30th Sept	M: despair of Zambia; Clinton's impressive visit; viral infection (last July); Sept: 5 day break w/Ruth to northern Botswana; Ian VP; friends' visits described; Zimbabwe and Zambia messes
7 Dec 1998	D to M	typed	1	RP	General news about work & enjoying working nights; M's comments for the Chronicle; Bwalya's horrible robbery in Lusaka; travel plans for southern Af, Feb. 1999.
Xmas 1998	D to M	form	2	RP	David's pondering about children around the world; last Feb-April's travel around the Kalahari
1999-2000					
29 July 1999	M to D	form	5 + 2; yes	Gab.	Active social life in Gab; Harare to attend WCC (described); visit to Zambia & Kitwe (first since leaving); Zambia's continuing economic woes; St. Margaret's 50th celebration (member 36 years); met many old friends; MEF visit; planning visit to Tiger Kloof; enjoyed 2 week visit (Feb) including AIDA & Hout Bay in S.Af.; family news (w/Ian as VP) together at Okavango; Ruth still active in Red Cross
Dec 1999	D to M	form	2	NYC	"Dec 1999 — a new millennium lies just ahead!" David's "big 60"; still at ML; more reflections on children in the world; Af. safari in Feb/March 1999, mainly S.Af ; South Luangwa and Zambia in Oct.; still working nights at ML and new life in NYC.
16 Jan 2000	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab.	Heart surgery later in month (actually 14 Feb); Serowe at Xmas
12 July 2000	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab.	Surgery (Jo'burg) and post-surgery news, did not like facilities, Ruth visited; feeling better in Ap.
Nov 2000	M to D	form	2	Gab.	Fortnight in Namibia (esp. Swakopmund)/abscess; amazed by uniqueness of Namibia; health complications post surgery; AIDS in Namibia; Stamps w/Seretse's photo; Mokolodi; economic expansion in Botswana
6 Dec 2000	D to M	form	2	Voëlkop & NYC	Dec. 2000 in S.Af. and Botswana (esp. Muriel and Mokolodi); AIDs and orphaned children in

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20 Dec 2000	M to D	m/s	4; yes	Gab.	Knee surgery; Serowe for Xmas w/family
2001-02					
14 Jan 2001	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab. –phone re	Knee difficulties
31 July 2001	M to D	form + m/s	3 + 2; yes	Gab.	Politics in America; Chiluba's nonsense
16 Sept 2001	M to D	m/s	2 + 2; yes	Gab. –phone re	Letter 1, 9/11 from news in Botswana; unfortunate reactions
16 Sept 2001	M to D	m/s	2; yes	2nd letter for 16 Sept.	Letter 2; more reflections on 9/11
20 Oct 2001	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab.	General news
Nov 2001	M to D	form	2	Gab.	Travel in northern Botswana much w/family, esp. Ian's lodge
7 Dec 2001	D to M	form	1 (PC)	NYC	Life in NYC post 9/11, esp. affect on business; Thanksgiving visit to S.Af. (Voëlkop)
20 Mar 2002	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab. — reply Dec/Jan letters	Reflections on D's proximity to 9/11 events; Depressing leaders of Am, Zimb, Middle East, etc.
4 May 2002	D to M	typed	1	RP; 20 Mar.	Work change to RFMH; stepmother to Ohio, nephew's college grad + Iowa; reflections on Am bad government; plans to visit southern Af in Nov
4 June 2002	M to D	form	1	Gab.	Ruth's death on 23rd May; visiting UK in later in June (until 30 Aug);
23 Nov 2002	M to D	form	5	Gab.	Details of Ruth's (+ friend Joan) deaths (and funeral); 80th birthday, family's reactions, many Afr leaders, lunch for 20,000 at Serowe; video of Seretse/Ruth, dance w/Kaunda; details of relaxing and "marvelous" visit to UK; MBE by Britain
2003-04					
1 Jan 2003	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab.	W/family at Xmas at Serowe
1 Feb 2003	D to M	form	3	NYC	"Troubled time in my life": rebuilding post 9/11; late 2000 trip to S.Af. w/terrible health problems; new job at PI; renewed work on weight loss; Lubasi; when to retire? reflections on Am as "pariah of the world"; pictures of Muriel, Alex, Nellie, etc. from Dec. 2002 travel to S.Af. & Botswana
19 Feb 2003	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab.; 2 '02 letters	MBE earlier in Feb; Edith G-G and Theo Bull died; Ian 50

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10 Aug 2003	M to D	form + m/s	3 + 3; yes	Gab.	Details of MBE award; family in Serowe at Xmas 2002 but so different w/o Ruth; Ian's 50th birthday; retired from job at Mokolodi; visit of Princess Anne; Bush's visit for 6 hours (animals scared by his retinue / helicopters at Mokolodi) — big contrast to pleasant visit of Clinton a few years before, plans for Ruth's tombstone on 29th Sept.; lively discussions w/Ian
13 Nov 2003	M to D	m/s	2; yes	Gab.	Blackout in the USA; has read Fred Morton's letters and would like to meet him
21 Nov 2003	M to D	form	2	Gab.	Ruth's tombstone ceremony; 5th visit to Okavango and Kasane (where family met w/Ruth after Seretse died); ferry sank at Kazungula; S.Af w/Harts for 2 weeks;
7 Dec 2003	D to M	typed	1	RP, Xmas reply	Missed her when visiting S.Af. last month; still working at RFMH; plans for expanding writing WHO manual in 2004; will get Am. Social Security and Medicare by mid-year; Riverside gave Lubasi \$5,000
Dec. 2003	D to M	form	1	NYC	Xmas postcard w/pictures from Nov. 2003 South Africa trip
Apr 2004	M to D	form + m/s	2 + 1; yes	Gab., D's Xmas	Hit by car (3 bones in foot broken);
22 May 2004	D to M	typed	1	RP; Ap, her accident	Travel to Iowa (his travel doc woes); sad changes in Am after 9/11; sad though of Bush getting re-elected in Nov; work at RFMH
11 Nov 2004	M to D	form + m/s	3 + 1; yes	Gab., May letter	Traveled alone to Mauritius (10 days); details of being hit by car on 30th March; No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency; watched Olympics; enjoys digital TV; Ian went to Olympics
29 Nov 2004	D to M	typed	2	RP; 11th Nov Xmas	Missed her in S.Af. w/tiring drive to C.T./Robben Island; 65th b'day; working 3 days weekly;
2005-06					
8 June 2005	D to M	typed	1	RP	Visited S.Af. in Feb but did not get to Gab; research at PI;
24 Aug 2005	M to D	form + m/s	3 + 1; yes	Gab. – Xmas	Volunteer jobs (Methodist Church); Gab. rapid growth but poor economy; Serowe w/family last Xmas (saw rhino sanctuary) then Okavango; Cape Coast w/friends; busy social life; drought; still cold weather
10 Sept 2005	D to M	typed	1	RP, 24th Aug letter	General news, work, Katrina, US travel
28 Nov 2005	M to D	form m/s	4; yes	Gab.	Book club; health okay; Ian's b'day lunch for M;
3 Dec 2005	D to M	m/s on card w/form note	1+1; yes	RP	General news on Xmas card and created Xmas card; general about life in NYC and work at PI

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Dec 2005	D to M	typed	1	RP	Visiting S.Af. but not Botswana; nor will visit Zambia (have not been to Zambia in 3 yrs); appalling Am gov't;
23 Aug 2006	M to D	form	4	Gab.	"Nothing remarkable;" Methodist church 4 mornings; Sandy and other friends in Gab.; may visit Mozambique soon but 3 air flights + sea journey; economy is not employing many people, may be similar problem to other small countries; M is "leader of the opposition"; new book "Color Bar"
19 Sept 2006	D to M	typed	1	RP; reply to 23 Aug.	Missed her again last Feb. when in S.Af.; will visit in 2007 when Fred & Sue have settled in
Nov 2006	M to D	form	3+1 (ms)	Gab	Three weeks holiday to island off Madagascar: Vivid description of this trip to island off Mozambique (late 2006); journeys were "utter hell." Book launch for Colour Bar.
Dec 2006	D to M	form	1 (PC)	RP	Mislaid
2007-08					
2nd Feb. 2007	M to D	m/s	2 (yes)	Gab to RP	Mteto's death in NYC; Christmas w/family in Botswana; new book about Rev. Desmond Tutu
16 May 2007	D to M	typed	1	RP to Gab	Comments on Muriel's last trip. More on Mteto's tragic death and its effect on David. Fred and Sue's move to Rurutsi outside Gaborone. My plans later for another trip to southern Africa, including Gaborone.
13 Nov 2007	M to D	m/s	2 (yes)	Gab to RP	Local Gaborone matters, esp. family affairs. Her personal correspondence; her chats w/Fred.
27 Nov. 2007	M to D	Form	3	Gab to RP	Muriel felt there were two big events in the year that she described at some length: 1) film shot of "No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" and 2) Her 5 week visit to England. Ian will become Pres. of Botswana on 1st April 2008. Still swimming and volunteering at the Methodist Church.
5 Jan. 2008	D to M	Typed	3	RP to Gab	My heavy work at the Psychiatric Institute and plans for retirement. Thoughts on publishing her correspondence: pros and cons. Dusan is typing our m/s correspondence. Hopes for recording her life's story on my next trip to southern Africa. (Note: this was— never done.) Noted my digitalization of my Zambian interviews and plans to store them at UNZA. Also pdf digitalized documents explained. Fred and Sue in Botswana.
25 Jan 2008	M to D	m/s	2 (yes)	Gab to RP	Her reflections on digitalization and her old letters. Reference to our phone conversation.
30 Jan 2008	Phone chat	Typed	1	Phone chat	Telephone notes: Our personal news and thoughts about my digitalization
23 Feb 2008	D to M	Typed	2	RP to Gab	My work very interesting in the last 6 months at the Institute; Comments on life in NYC and use of the Internet. Dusan deep at work typing our m/s letters. How we should store her old correspondence. Described my plans for coming to Gaborone for a week later in the year and dividing my time between her and Fred and Sue. Also they plan to visit NYC and America before I

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					leave for southern Africa.
16 Apr 2008	M to D	form + m/s	3 + 1; NO	Gab	Ian became Pres on 1st April; health deteriorated; electricity cuts; Ian's quite vocal about Zimbabwe at SADC meeting [Note: after making this summary, for some reason, this letter was not put into this file. Not sure where it is.]
19 Aug 2008	M to D	m/s	2 (yes)	Gab to RP	Our phone chat. Her holiday at the sea in South Africa.
Oct 2008 w/addendum on 11 Nov.	M to D	Form	3+ 1	Gab to RP	Ian now President of Botswana and working very hard and keeping very fit. Comments on Mugabe and Mbeki. Her holiday in July/August to northern Mozambique. She read Obama's two books which she liked very much. Gaborone's book club. Her increasing "aches and pains" but still swimming. Addendum: Her comment on my forthcoming surgery and Obama's victory.
2009					<u>Note:</u> Not all my letters (hard copies) in 2009 and <u>after</u> this date were kept.
13 Feb. 2009	M to D	m/s	2 (yes)	Gab to RP	Wondering about my surgery; plus general world comments, esp. on recession
Good Friday [probably 2009]	M to D	m/s	2 (yes)	Gab to RP	Misc. thoughts on Ian as Pres. (end of 1st year) and Obama. Life in Gaborone.
21 June 2009	M to D	Form	3+1	Gab to RP	Life (and weather) in Gaborone. She still swam. Her volunteering at Methodist Church and her book club. Botswana Society.
24 Nov 2009	M to D	Form	2+2	Gab to RP	Problems of her moving into a new flat. Ian's party won the elections and he will be Pres. for 5 more years. Ian Khama and Obama met in Washington. Planning a holiday to S.Af.
2010-15					
5 May 2010	M to D	m/s	2 (yes)	Gab to RP	Cousins visited from England for 3 weeks. With Ian and family to the Okavango river. General world news commentary.
31 July 2010	M to D	m/s	2 (yes) + photo	Gab to RP	Comments about her photo with Prince Harry. Commentary on the world.
7 Dec 2010	M to D	Form	2	Gab to RP	Despite pains had a trip to Mozambique. w/friend. Rupiah Banda (Pres., Zambia) visited Botswana. Enjoys our phone calls.
5 Aug. 2011	M to D	Form	2 + 2 page m/s addendum	Gab to RP	Ian's hard work as President: visiting remote villages, helping poor and unemployed. First strike in Botswana amidst economic problems. 2nd May she had serious collapse and continued problems.
4 th /11 th Dec.	M to D	Form	1 + 1	Gab to RP	Her health is now very poor (but improved since May) and has trouble reading and doing book

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2011					work. Her family and local events described.
23 Feb 2012	M to D	m/s	2 (yes)	Gab to RP	Noted our phone calls which she enjoyed. Still trying to swim occasionally. Family matters.
18th(July) / 4th Aug 2012	M to D	Form	1+1 + photo	Gab to RP	Health continuing to decline severely; wants to die in her sleep. Not sure that she can write many more letters. Family get-togethers; Likes to get out to events (from her flat). Loves to have people calling her.
25 Nov. 2012	M to D	Form	2	Gab to RP	Family parties; many celebrated her birthday; health continually failing; could still swim a bit
20 Sept. 2013	M to D	Form	1 + 3	Gab to RP	S.Af Govt weak and Mandela "not living, just existing". "Yes I am alive but only just." Can't read any more but loves her sports on TV. Family events. Can't get out of Botswana anymore for holidays. Ian 60 but very fit and devoted to helping people throughout the country.
7th (16th) July 2014	M to D	Form	1 + 1	Gab to RP	"I feel life is not worth living". Can't swim, drive, walk or read. Family news. Ian arranged for Dale and wife to take her to Cape Town to see the sea for a final time.

Note: We talked many times between this final letter from her and mid-2015 when she died.

2015

Memorial biography and church program of her funeral

David's form letters (mostly Christmas) from 1979 — 2007 especially as they relate to Muriel

Year	form letter?	What was sent to Muriel
1980 (Nov)	4 pp.	M: copy sent
1981	no	M: sent card and long letter
1982	no	M: 1 st Dec. 1982 Sent Xmas post card written in a circle
1983	no	M: card
1984	no	no record of anything for 1984
1985	no	M: 1 st Dec. 1984, sent letter
1986	2 pp form	M: Xmas card dated 27 th Nov. 1986
1987	no	M: 30 th Nov. 1987: note on card sent via Mteto
1988	no	M: 6 th Dec. 1988, letter
1989	Nothing recorded	
1990	no	M: Card and letter
1991	no	M: 17 th Dec card and letter
1992	3 pp 4 pp form	1 st June 1992: travel form letter M: Xmas form letter and note
1993	newsletter	M: 21 st Dec w/card
1994	no	M: Post card to her and others (form)
1995	no	M: Postcard only on 15 th Dec. 1995
1996	1 p	M: short 1 p. holiday letter, sent in Af. Card of 2 nd Dec. 1996 w/UN motif
1997	1 p. 2 pp.	Feb/March 1997: "Million sq. mile fish tank" M: 15 th Dec. 1997: "Peace...Love" form letter / brochure (3 divide)
1998	2 pp.	M: 7 th Dec. card w/2 supplements and 2 news articles Articles on Af. Children + 2 pp. Xmas letter
1999	2 pp.	M: sent on 1 st Dec. 1999. brochure (3 divide) format (@ ML). "New Millennium"
2000	2 pp.	M: 22 nd Dec. Most sent early 2001
2001	no	M: sent 7 th Dec. half page note sent inside cards
2002	simple card	M: sent 2 nd Jan. 2003; self-made simple card
2003	3 pp. no	M: 1 st Feb. 2003 form letter (color) about Africa. M: sent 8 th Dec. 2003
2004	no	M: 29 th Nov. 2004: Long letter w/card
2005	card	M: 3 rd Dec. form Postcard sent w/card
2006	no	M: ANC card sent 25 th Dec. 2006