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Dear Stuart,

I am often thinking of you. However only the thoughts which materializes in language is of interest to other human beings. Spoken language requires the presence of the other person. Written language is nothing but frozen thoughts. "More than kisses letters mingle souls. For, thus friends absent speak"

John Donne
I cannot imagine myself kissing you just to gauge whether or not letters have a greater impact on your soul than my embrace, but I wholeheartedly underscore Donne's aphorism. If forbachov kisses all the East Bloc leaders than you know that he is ^{NOT} corresponding with them. He is then mingling souls on a very low level. I felt it necessary to lecture you on the embrace, including kissing, as a welcome

Ceremonial because if you really become the Cuban banker in London, you can hardly withdraw yourself from customary welcome Ceremonies prevailing in Cuba. To the best of my memory Fidel Castro kisses immediately in public another male provided he doesn't lose his respect. They don't over pay you, they pay for the hardship. Enough banter! What is the latest news? Anyhow the good news is that there is still an interesting life after a career with the Ceylon Bank. Every good boy deserves a favour!!

The month of July we were usually residing in Italy. Everybody seems to be on holidays. There is little traffic on the road, which is great. Before sleeping my prayer is that these holiday makers stay away forever. Then the Netherlands would be a most pleasant place to live. In my prayer I make an exclusion for the sons. The eldest is in France until 16th of August in order to be exposed to the French language and hopefully to the French Culture and Remond is for ^{four} ~~three~~ weeks in England to pick up some English (to qualify later on for working for an English Clearing bank). Believe me, it is for the first time since 18 years that we

are for ^{your} these weeks at one end without
the children. Maybe you ought not to
say such things but we are thoughtful
enjoying being on our own. We have
now an ocean of time to ourselves, what
a precious gift! As long as they also
have a great time we do not feel guilty.
Spending a great deal of my time in the
garden and reading books and seeing people
and sitting listening to music. I have
~~friends~~ friends who are dead ^{and} who I see
never met but so often they are more
interesting than the living friends. As long
as they have written down their hard
thinking I can have access to their thoughts.

The Lloyd Bank, Rotterdam. I believe we
are still making the major contribution.
The acknowledgment is that Rued Kervat
has already switched to A'dam. Hans Philipson
will start in A'dam by September 1 and
Spert Mulder by the end of the year.
Apparently this is the only way for A'dam
to get their act together. What about
me? I will not be bothered. I'll
manage and if not... then it is tough.
(for the bank)
I know more is not said and written than
said and written. Life is full of choices!
Convey our love to Ursula. Incidentally
the two German Wimbledon Champions of this afternoon
is not due to a kind of an industrial action of British
tennis players? Love + many greetings also from
Vera & Adrian