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My reference DG/EMU

Your reference

Date 13th October 1983

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Dear Cindy,

Thank you for your letter dated 7th October.

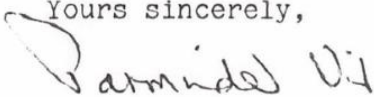
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If your date can be flexible then I would like to meet with you to discuss this further.

Please let me know soon as I may also be able to recommend other people. I would very much like to meet with the collective anyway first to find out what else you may be doing.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Ms. Parminder Vir

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7 October, 1983

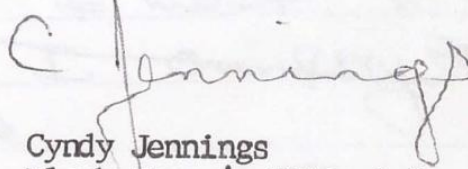
Parminda Vir
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Dear Ms. Vir,

We are writing to ask if you are interested in participating in an exciting new project. The Black Women's Editorial Collective is collecting material for an anthology about Black women in Britain. This book is scheduled to come out for the 1985 Black Book Fair, and will be published by the Women's Press. We are interested in the experiences of Black women in Britain, as expressed in fiction, non-fiction, or poetry, as well as in artwork and photography. We will not refuse to publish any work on the basis of the author's political perspective.

Your name was suggested by Urvashi Butalia as someone who might be interested in contributing to the book. In addition, we are still looking for new members for the Collective. If you would like more information, or would like to meet with us to discuss the project further, please contact Ifi or me at the above phone numbers. Our deadline is 15 November, 1983, so please submit an outline or summary of any work you would like us to publish by that date. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



Cyndy Jennings
Black Women's Editorial
Collective