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Dear Oliver

31st January 1991

I hope you are feeling well after your momentous trip back home. It was truly inspiring to see on television and to read of the welcome you received. I'm sure it was a most rewarding time whatever the pressures and I've no doubt they must have been heavy.

I would like to consult you on an informal basis about our work in Britain. As you know the decision to close IDAF by 30th June this year, has been taken.

The BDAF Council, however, has decided that, for the time being we should continue and I'm enclosing for your interest copies of the letter we received from Bishop Trevor in September last year and our reply.

The decision for BDAF to continue is subject to consultation with the ANC and organisations in South Africa as to whether this is thought to be desirable.

Of course we will not have access to funds from the major donors, but as we raise money mostly from individuals we would hope to be able to make a contribution, albeit modest, as well as continuing our other work.

We are also continuing the work of the Trust and the need to do so undoubtedly exists. We are overwhelmed with hundreds of applications both from inside South Africa and from Tanzania and Zambia for study in both Britain and in South Africa itself. Money is a big problem and likely to be an even bigger one in the present climate.

The opportunity to discuss these matters with you would be most welcome and I would in any case like to see you.

I hope this may be possible and look forward to hearing from you.

With all good wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely

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Director

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