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HOLLAND COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

Amsterdam, 6 April 1993

To: ANC Repatriation Committee
att. Mr. Jackie Selihe
and to Batlagae Trust
att. Mr. Mohammed Tickley

Re.: Project proposal for Dutch donor.

Dear Comrades,

Yesterday we had a meeting with a funder of projects concerning refugees to see if we could get funds for your projects. The name of this organization is 'Stichting Vluchteling'.

The are willing to support returnees in South Africa, so we can submit a proposal. The amount would be around R 200 000 (they said Dfl 100 000. R 200 000 is a bit more, but let's try it.). They strongly prefer a concrete aim for their money. Something like bursaries for an x number of people, or a course for x returnees. You will understand and I am sure you can indicate an item to spend R 200 000 on. Please do so.

The funder has supported NCCR (through church-groups) and was worried about the fact that NCCR no longer exists. The application should talk about collaboration with the former NCCR and with other structures that remain. They also know about WUS, so you might also mention the nature of collaboration with WUS.

The person we talked to was not sure whether the board would like the idea of supporting the ANC. They normally work through humanitarian organisations. We argued that it is logical that the ANC has a role in integration of returnees, but it might be easier for them to support Batlagae Trust, as it has more direct links with NCCR. I am not saying that we can not submit any ANC-project. You might consider a combination of some bursaries under Batlagae Trust and some elements of the proposal from ANC's Repatriation Committee.

In any case, a letter from Beyers Naude recommending the proposal would help considerably)

For this funder, and also more in general, it would be good to know what happens with NCCR. NCCR received support from several organizations here in Holland. If it really stops, we might introduce other proposals like the Repatriation Committee and Batlagae Trust. Kindly inform us about this.

I hope to receive a draft proposal from you soon.

Kind regards,


Hans-Roel Nieuwenhuyse