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Yours sincerely,

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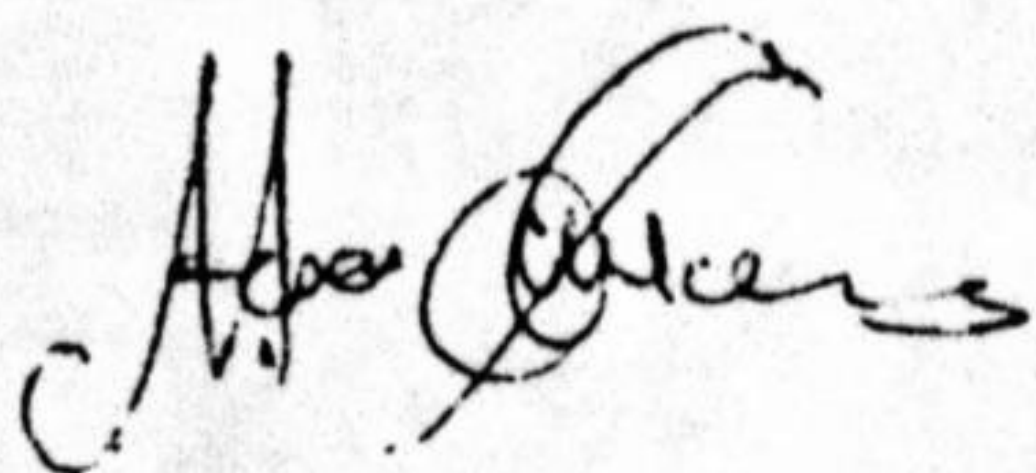
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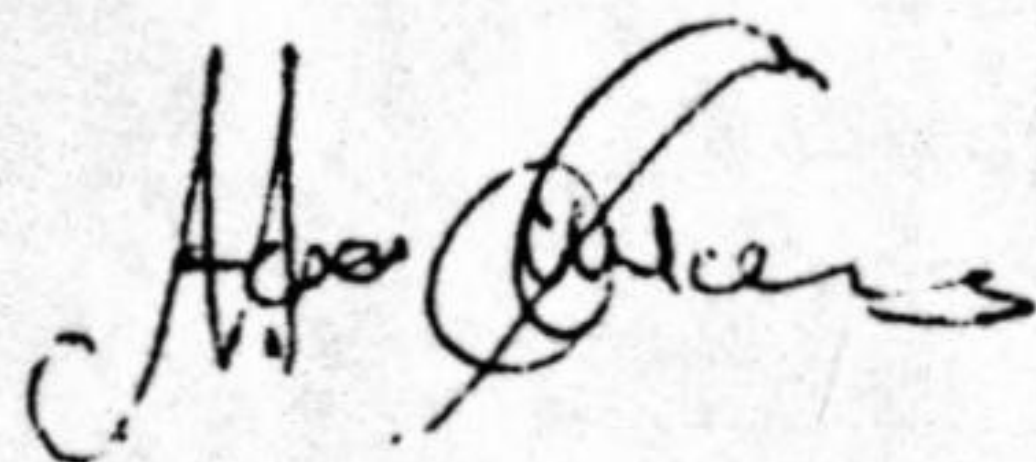
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PROPOSED GRANTS POLICY

1. ARRIVAL GRANTS.

It is proposed to give every adult over the age of 18 years a grant of R25 on arrival at the initial point of entry in South Africa. People are in a helpless situation with no cash whatsoever and many will want to make telephone calls or buy a cup of coffee or a newspaper etc. while they wait for the reception processes to start. The R25 should be made up in packets with coins rather than notes.

This grant should be given at the initial point of entry so that people transferring to onward internal flights or to other places by other means of transport have some cash for the rest of their journey.

The payment of the regular grants set out below should only commence when they reach their final destinations.

2. CASH GRANTS.

impracticable
2.1. Grants will only be paid when the application is made within six months of the date of return, except that those who arrived in the period during which we were only able to pay emergency grants will be entitled to receive the full grant for six months once the money is available. (This has already been agreed to by the NCCR.)

2.2. No grant will be paid to anyone who is in gainful employment or to any family where one breadwinner is employed. Grants will cease at the end of the month in which a person starts working.

2.3. All grants will cease at the end of six months and this must be made absolutely clear to applicants from the very beginning. The purpose of the grants is to give people a chance to settle in and we must be very careful not to create dependency?

Recognition of a further
2.4. Regional welfare and health task forces and advice centres in the regions should assist people to take maximum advantage of services provided by the State: e.g. free health care for those who have no income; old age, disability and blind pensions which are currently paid at the following rates: Africans R225 per month, coloured and indian people R263, white people R304; child maintenance grants; cheaper travel on public transport for pensioners and discounts offered by some stores for pensioners; etc etc.

Why
2.5. No grants will be paid to persons coming in with a temporary immunity who have the intention of returning to their country of exile. Grants will only be paid to those who return with the intention of settling permanently.

No consultation

2.6. Proposed amounts.

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2.6.1. Single persons over 18 years
(This includes persons who arrive with their families. If they are over 18 they need their own grants because they will have to spend money in seeking jobs or further education.)

R500 per month

why?

2.6.2. Couples

R800 per month

2.6.3. Children under 18 years

R100 per month per child added to 2.6.1. & 2.6.2. above.

2.6.4. Aged dependents

As in 2.6.3. above.

3. ACCOMMODATION GRANTS.

This proposal is worked out because of the experience in the PWV region where it is proving very difficult to find secondary reception centres for the accommodation of returning exiles for a period of up to six months.

3.1. No accommodation allowance will be paid for any person who has refused accommodation offered in a secondary reception centre.

No *this is dependency*
3.2. All accommodation allowances will be paid by cheque by the NCCR directly to the landlord concerned. No responsibility will be taken by NCCR for extras on accommodation accounts such as telephone, laundry, bar and meal bills. This must be made quite clear in writing to the landlord. Such expenses must be paid by the returnee out of the cash monthly grant.

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researched
3.3. Amounts suggested below are maximum allowances. They have been compiled from readings of the accommodation offered columns in the Johannesburg newspapers on the basis that accommodation for the short period of six months must be furnished and rents should be inclusive of water and electricity and servicing. The Johannesburg rentals are probably the highest in the country and the maximum allowances may have to be adjusted regionally.

3.4. Proposed maximum allowances per month.

3.4.1. Single persons over 18 years

R300

3.4.2. Couples

R600

3.4.3. Families

R1000

3.4.4. People should be offered the option of taking the above allowances in a lump sum X 6 if they choose to put the money

towards adding on rooms to an existing house or to securing a site in a less formal township development or in any way towards securing accommodation for themselves on a permanent basis in the future. If they choose the lump sum they must make their own arrangements for their accommodation in the short term.

4. EDUCATION GRANTS.

As proposed by the national Education Task Force education grants should be as follows:

4.1. Tertiary education.

All grants and bursaries to be awarded by one of the existing Bursary funds in the country and all money collected by NCCR for tertiary education to be passed on to such bursary funds.

4.2. Pre-tertiary education.

A maximum grant of R1000 to be paid per child for one year only. This grant should be made available to pre-school children also so that the responsible parent is able to obtain gainful employment and know that the child is in good hands in a pre-school programme.

5. Contingency fund.

It is proposed that a sum of R100 000 be kept in a contingency fund to be expended at the discretion of the National Coordinator to deal with unexpected crises such as the recent deaths in a road accident in Zimbabwe when a combi carrying returning exiles crashed and the urgent necessity arose of providing money for the transport of the dead people back home to their families. This contingency fund should be topped up to the level of R100 000 whenever it is depleted to R50 000.

6. COMMENT

6.1. We can fix the kind of grants we think people will need BUT it is absolutely impossible to do any coherent budgetting for grants in the absence of any information whatsoever about the number of families, young persons, children etc we are expecting. Every effort must be made to obtain this information as soon as possible.

6.2. All the above is subject to the advice of UNHCR when they have finalised their agreements with the SA government. It may well be that their advice and experience will lead to changes in these proposals but, given the current cost of existing in South Africa, I believe that the above proposed grants are the minimum people will need to enable them to move around and bear the costs of job seeking and local transport which are necessary for their re-integration.

Sheena Duncan

7th April 1991