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Comrade Henry Makgothi  
Education Secretary  
African National Congress  
Lusaka

Dear Comrade Makgothi

Ref: Fund for Correspondence Courses

We have written before on 10/7/84 regarding the creation of a fund for securing tuition courses from correspondence colleges. You then wrote to the Chief Representative in London in this regard.

So far we have had no response from your Office and the matter is now very pressing. Until such time as we have A-Levels taught at Somafco and until such time as our Adult Education Division can provide suitable study opportunity for O-Levels, we will have to rely on Distance Learning. I am aware that it is envisaged that the SAEU will in due course provide higher level courses.

There are students here who want desperately an opportunity to qualify themselves for scholarships and wish to study by correspondence. Let me cite the latest example. Cde Wandile Nkankula wishes to study 2 A-Levels and 2 O-Levels so that he can be eligible for entry into a degree course at University. There is a British Correspondence College with an office in Dar es Salaam which offers the subjects he requires. The full cost is 4 360 /- (approx \$250).

The NSC can vet each applicant who wishes to study by Correspondence. Having done so, money has to be available for acquiring the course/s. We could also monitor the student's progress and ensure that he/she studies consistently, perhaps with the help of the Adult Education Division.

Has there been an agreement in principle to financially support students wishing to study by Correspondence? If so, do we refer each successful application to you, or can we ask the Treasury to release the money, where payment is possible in Tanzanian shillings? For courses for which payment is required in hard-currency, what will be the procedure?

Cde Wandile, whose case I have cited above is extremely anxious to begin his studies immediately. Kindly obtain authorisation for him to obtain the 4 courses he wishes to study.



Your immediate response will be appreciated because the young man feels very frustrated.

In the Year of the Women!

M Tikly  
Director

cc Cde Maindy Msimang, Education Officer  
Cde Richard Sibengile, Adult Education Dept, Mazimbu



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Comrade Henry Makgothi,  
Secretary for Education,  
ANC (SA),  
Lusaka.

10/7/84.

Dear Comrade Henry,

Ref: Correspondence Studies

With regard to your letter dated June 1, 1984 addressed to Cde Solly Smith in London, I am writing to enquire whether he has responded to your suggestion that correspondence material might be obtained from an institution such as the International Extension College.

It is rather urgent that we obtain funds for purchasing correspondence material. Some of our adult learners at Mazimbu and Dakawa are in need of correspondence courses because of lack of teachers. I will ask Cde Richard Sibengele to make lists of our precise needs.

When it comes to distance education tutors, there are many in the ANC who are willing to assist. Indeed, the Adult Education Panel of the London Education Committee is more than willing to coordinate a group of tutors and to obtain material.

I am copying this letter to Cde Solly Smith in the hope that he will take this matter up with Cde Ben Turok in London and, with his cooperation, establish a fund or access to a fund set aside by an organisation such as the British Defence and Aid Fund.

This is an urgent matter which I hope will receive prompt attention from your Office and our Mission in London.

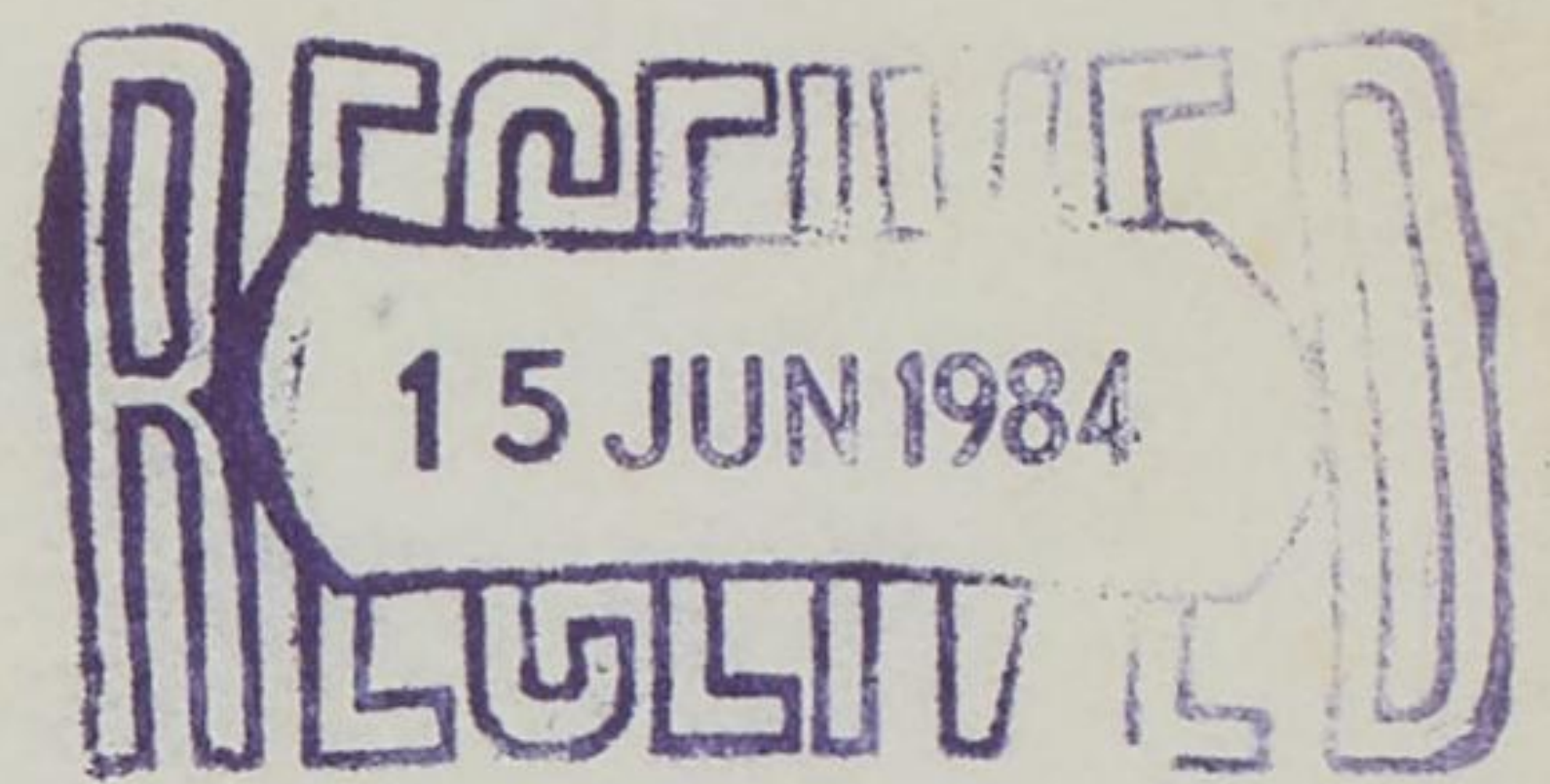
Amandla in the Year of our Women!

M. Tikly. (Chairman)

cc. Chief Representative, ANC (SA), LONDON.  
Richard Sibengele, MAZIMBU.



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1st June, 1984

The Chief Representative  
African National Congress  
London.

Dear Comrade Solly,

Correspondence Course.

You wrote to me at the beginning of this year in connection with correspondence courses following an enquiry that has been addressed to the International Extension Committee by some of our comrades in the West who would like to do private studies. You enclosed a letter written to Kayya Maxey of ABI from the IEC.

I cannot trace that I even acknowledge your letter personally or that I did pursue this matter of correspondence studies. I must ask your forgiveness for this oversight. I have been pre-occupied with other matters than those pertaining strictly to my Department since the beginning of this year, and in addition I have not been in Lusaka for 3 months now. I am sure that all my correspondents must be thinking that I have abdicate my responsibility.

This whole question of correspondence studies for our members is becoming increasingly important if only because the realisation is beginning to dawn in our young people especially that our struggle is a long and complicated one requiring to be fought on many fronts, and I am receiving lots of enquiries from people who work in one capacity or the other of our organisation and who want to take up studies by correspondence.



As you are probably aware, we have embarked on a Distance Education plan with the assistance of the Commonwealth Secretariat, but it will be some time before this scheme starts to function. In the interim, I can see no other solution except to resort to correspondence study for selected students.

I might add that our experience with correspondence studies has not been a very happy one because in my opinion we have not been able to work out proper support and monitoring devices. You will understand that I would venture into such an exercise with great wariness.

I have found the letter from the IEX to AET referred to above very helpful and I am positive we can use some of the ideas to advantage; I would therefore be pleased if you could explore the possibility of the alternative to individual <sup>enrolment</sup> enrichment described in the letter. The alternative seems to involve an arrangement whereby the ANC might wish to buy materials from a correspondence college eg National Extension College and provide its own local co ordinator to run such a scheme.

Amanda.

Henry G. Makgothi.  
Secretary for Education.

Administrative Secretary, London Education Committee.  
Director, Mazimbu.  
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