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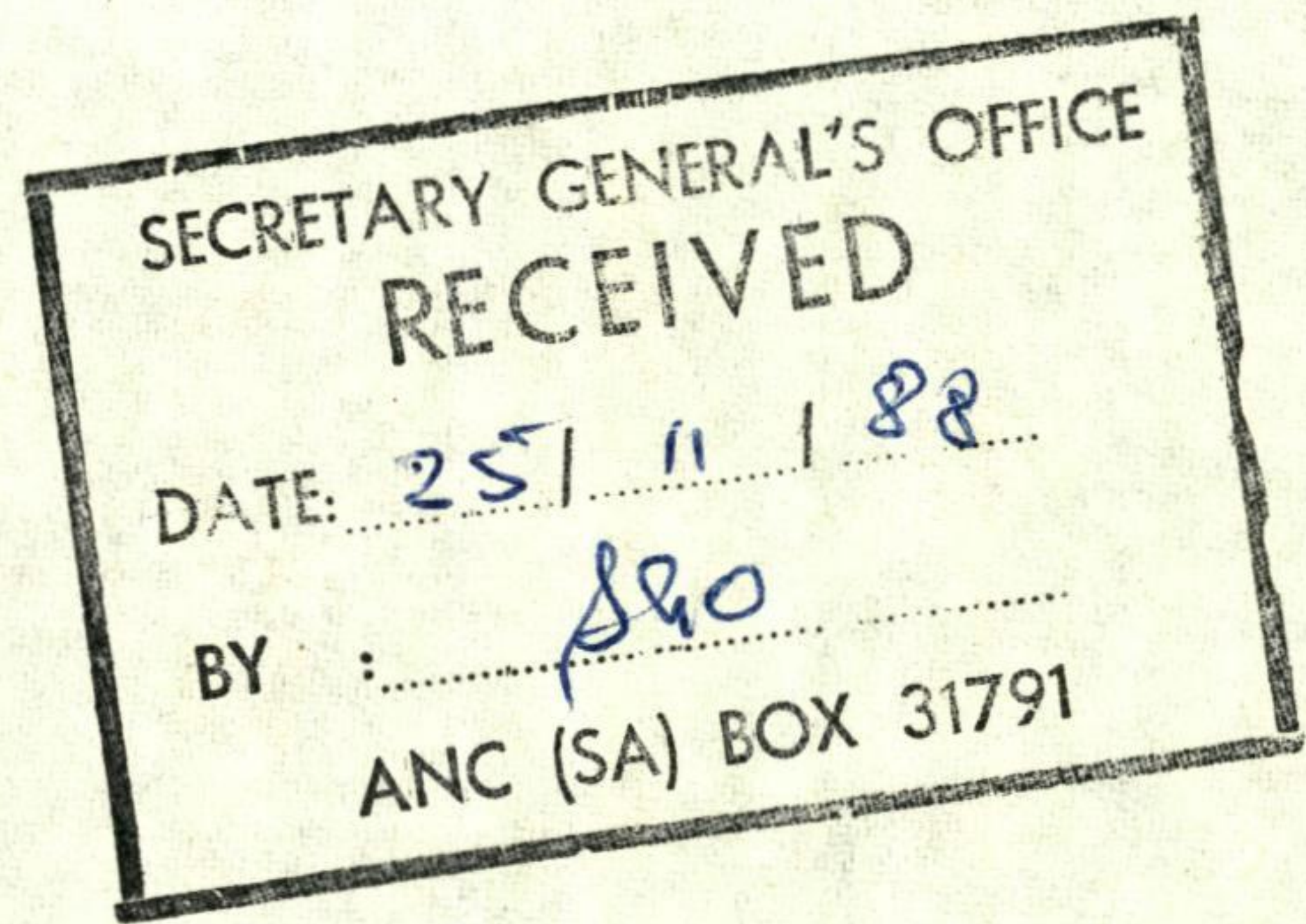
African National Congress of South Africa

NIGERIA AND WEST AFRICA MISSION

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LAGOS - NIGERIA

OUR REF : YOUR REF : DATE : 29th July, 1988

Comrade President
O.R. Tambo
P.O. Box 31791
Lusaka
Zambia.



Dear Comrade President,
Re: Mandela Birthday Celebrations.

The ANC office in Lagos sends it's compliments to you and has the honour to convey the enclosed message from his Excellency General Mathieu Kerekou, Chairman of the Central Committee of the People's Revolutionary Party of Benin.

The ANC office in Lagos takes the opportunity to renew to you it's unconditional support.

Amandla!

Victor Matlou.
(ANC Chief Representative).

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VERY URGENT

The Embassy of the People's Republic of Benin presents its compliments to the Office of the Chief Representative of the African National Congress (A.N.C.) to Nigeria and West Africa and has the honour to request the latter to urgently convey to its High Addressee, His Excellency Mr Oliver TAMBO, President of the African National Congress (A.N.C.) the here enclosed message sent to him by His Excellency General Mathieu KERÉKOU, Chairman of the Central Committee of the People's Revolutionary Party of Benin, President of the Republic, Head of State and Chairman of the National Executive Council of Benin.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of Benin avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Chief Representative of the African National Congress the assurances of its highest consideration.

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LAGOS, 22nd July 1988

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
TO NIGERIA & WEST AFRICA

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HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL MATHIEU KEREKOU,
CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF BENIN,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, HEAD OF STATE,
CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

To

HIS EXCELLENCY Mr OLIVER TAMBO,
PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

At the time when Peace, Justice and Freedom Loving Peoples are celebrating throughout the World, the 70th Birthday Anniversary of the intrepid and prestigious African Liberation Fighter, NELSON MANDELA, I would like, on behalf of the Central Committee of the People's Revolutionary Party of Benin, to renew to the valiant and heroic South-African People, as well as to its vanguard movement, the African National Congress (ANC), the permanent support and active solidarity of the Beninese People to the just struggle of all our brothers and sisters of South-Africa against the odious and vile barbaric and racist system of apartheid.

NELSON MANDELA represents for the whole Africa the living symbol of the fierce determination of all African Peoples to free themselves definitively from the colonial yoke, and to build a democratic society in which justice, equality and social peace will prevail between all races.

The laborious People of Benin and its Political Vanguard Movement, the People's Revolutionary Party of Benin, demand the immediate and unconditional release of NELSON MANDELA who has

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sacrificed, for more than a quarter of a century, his freedom on the altar of the struggle for independence and dignity.

While I reiterate to Your Excellency our firm and unflinching support, I would like to kindly request you, Dear Brother, to convey to Mrs WINNIE MANDELA as well as to the valiant and intrepid fighters of the African National Congress (ANC) the assurances of my highest and militant consideration.

Signed : MATHIEU KERERKOU

