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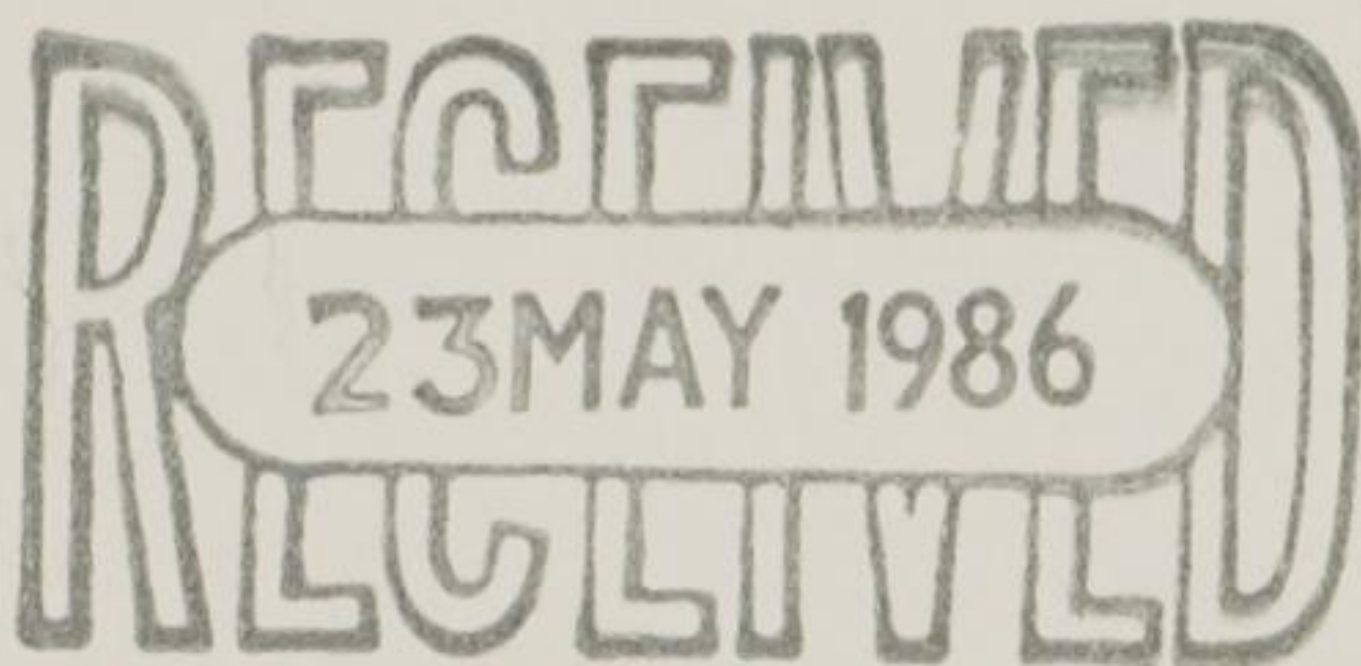
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22nd May 1986

The Chief Administrator,

MAZIMBU

Cde Maseko

Special Meeting with the  
Members of Agriculture Production Unit

Enclosed herewith is the copy of the minutes of the above-mentioned meeting we had together with you on the morning of the 10th of this month.

In the Year of the M.K.

FARM MANAGER  
HANS JORGEN HANSEN

*H. J. Hansen*



AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION UNIT

The special meeting called by the Chief Administrator in connection with the introduction of the new structure was held on the 10th May, 1986 at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Present: Cde Maseko

Chairperson Percy

Secretary Maggie

Farm Manager

Members: Cdes Tsholo, Danny boy, Mahmood, Mandla, Dick, Setlhare, Danger, Washington, Rashid, Sandile, Caiphus, Charles, Joyce, Isaac, and Doris.

Cde Percy opening the meeting said that it had been called following the letter which had been written by the members of the production. He thereafter called upon Cde Maseko to address the house.

Cde Maseko said he would very much like to make it clear that he had not come for meeting because of the letter though he had received the letter from the production Unit and had noted the contents. He said it was as a result of the meeting of Farm Committee that he had decided to call the meeting. He went on to say that he felt it had been necessary to explain about the new structure which had been decided by the members of the farm committee. The farm committee was sort of a guidance to to the people working at the farm and especially the Farm Manager. He said since he had started to attend the farm committee meetings he had observed with a great disappointment the differences between the ANC comrades particularly those who have been serving for long period in the farm. He went on to say that it would be a pity that work of the organisation would come to a stand still simply because comrades were to nurse their differences. He further said that the Mazimbu Farm had the same age as the Shongela farm in Zambia as a result they are <sup>the</sup> biggest projects of the organisation in exile. He continued to say that his basic knowledge in farming was that once a farmer has made a mistake he was not likely to correct it. He said this was because farming was seasonal. Therefore he said, it was for this reason that Cdes Caiphus and Cde Hans submitted a proposal of a new structure which had to be viewed and approved by the members of the farm committee. He said it was also necessary to involve Tanzanian workers to participate fully because the organisation was not going to look at the comrades from the point of view as only ANC members. He went on to say that more comrades trained in the field of agriculture were still to come and join the department for better organisation. He said that it was necessary to keep records for all the sections in the office, graphs for milk production, eggs etc.



He said it was also necessary that ANC comrades should be able to work in different sections without difficulty so that ~~there~~ they should be no gaps when comrades were sent for different missions abroad or the different regions. He went on to say the production should have maximum co-operation, and when comrades were being criticised they should be ready to accept their mistake and they should also be criticised constructively.

Cde Mandela wanted Cde Maseko to respond to the contents of the letter which had been directly written to him. Cde Doris added and said that in the previous production unit meeting where a new structure had been introduced by the Farm Manager, Cde Charles had said that he would not take instructions ~~from~~<sup>from</sup> Cde Joe Mnisi as his would be the head of the section and she went on to say that Cde Charles had been asked to hand over the keys of the blue car and he had refused and he had said that he would only hand over the keys on conditions that a letter from ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> production unit be sent to the Higher authorities and the reply should come from ~~from~~<sup>from</sup> stating that he should hand over the keys. She said it was necessary for Cde Maseko to speak to Cde Charles in Zulu to make him to understand the way the production had tried to convince him in previous meeting. Cde Maseko said that the blue car belonged to the Field Section irrespective of who the head of the section was and it should remain that way and the head of the field section should be in charge of ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> blue car in order to check the fields and run around checking the workers etc.

Cde Charles said he was not going to work under Cde Joe, he went on to say under no circumstances that he will work under a young man like that. He further said that if Cde Maseko did not know how to deal with the matter he would rather wait for Cde Dennis to come back from his journey.

Cde Maseko said it was wrong for Cde Charles to say that he was not going to work under Cde Joe simply because Cde Joe was younger than him. He said what was Cde Charles saying was tantamount to say that if he were to become sick and went to the hospital and was treated by a young doctor who would give instructions in as far as his sickness was concerned then that would mean Cde Charles would refuse to take his instructions simply because the doctor was younger than him.

However, Cde Charles agreed to hand over the keys and said that he would not work until such time ~~that~~<sup>that</sup> Cde Dennis came back from his trip.

The meeting ended.