6th December 1985

The Treasurer General,
African National Congress,
LUSAKA.

Dear Comrade Thomas,

On the 15th and 28th November we received copies of telex messages from comrade Lindiwe Mabuza and Tony Seedat respectively. Both telex messages refer to the building of a hospital in Dakawa with the assistance of at least three Solidarity group - the Danish Peoples Aid, the F.R.G Churches and then the offer of an equipped relief clinic for Dakawa by the N.P.A.

May we remind you that we have in facts

- (a) Participated in two seminars on the development of Dakawa and made concrete suggestions on how we, as a Department, envisage the development of health services there. In so doing we took into cognisance that, for sometime to come the ANC -- Holland Solidarity Hospital will remain our referral hospital.
- (b) In Harare in October this year we looked into the feasibility of the utilisation of the offer or the relief clinic by N.P.A. We were reminded of the instruments and equipment already available in East Africa, and therefore unanimously opted for additional emergency houses into which equipment would be fitted, pending the construction of the health centre utilizing the funds, we understood had been made available by Danish People's Aid.

Whereas we are grateful for the offer by the F.R.G, may we suggest that these funds be used to put up a physiotherapy unit in Dakawa. As a matter of fact, we made this suggestion as early as May this year.

We feel incompetent to make any concrete recommendations on the issue involving N.P.A and the Finn Solidarity on the question raised in point 3 of comrade Lindiwe's Telex of November 15, 1985.

Comrade T.G, you may wish to look seriously into the question of the offer made by the Danish People Aid, taking into consideration that, they in fact have already sent equipment for the health centre to be put up in Dakawa. Besides that, we need must remember that they were the first to offer us this type of assistance.

It may be necessary to have discussions on these offers, so that the Department of Health knows exactly how to respond to any questions relating to these matters.

Amandla !!!

Manto Tshabalala

Deputy Secretary for Health

c.c: Comrade Lindiwe Matonza, Sweden

c.c: Comrade Tony Seedat, F.R.G.