



Department of Information and Publicity

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

The Chairman

Association of Journalists of the GDR (VDJ)

1080 Berlin

Friedrichstr. 101

Attention: Secretary for International Relations.

Re: Treatment for Prince Cossack

Dear Comrade,

The Department of Information and Publicity of the ANC, under which all journalists of the ANC work, requests your urgent assistance in placing one of our cadres under treatment in the GDR.

The comrade suffers from a skin condition called vitiligo, whereby pigmentation is destroyed and the skin suffers lesions due to sun rays as the protective elements of the skin are destroyed with the pigmentation.

The comrade had had treatment in Magdeburg in 1981-82 where the advancement of the condition was contained, however as he had to leave the GDR upon completion of his course the disease continued to advance.

Due to renovations at our local clinic and the attendant disruption his medical records have been misplaced.

The matter is of utmost urgency as the comrade is in constant pain and, though resilient and brave, is under growing psychological stress due to the disfigurement.

Your speedy intervention to assist in this matter will most appreciated and we are certain that our appeal will meet with the usual sympathetic and positive response that is characteristic of the VDJ.

Yours

Thabo Mbeki

Director

Case still being pressed to get a
suitable place for him abroad, possibly in