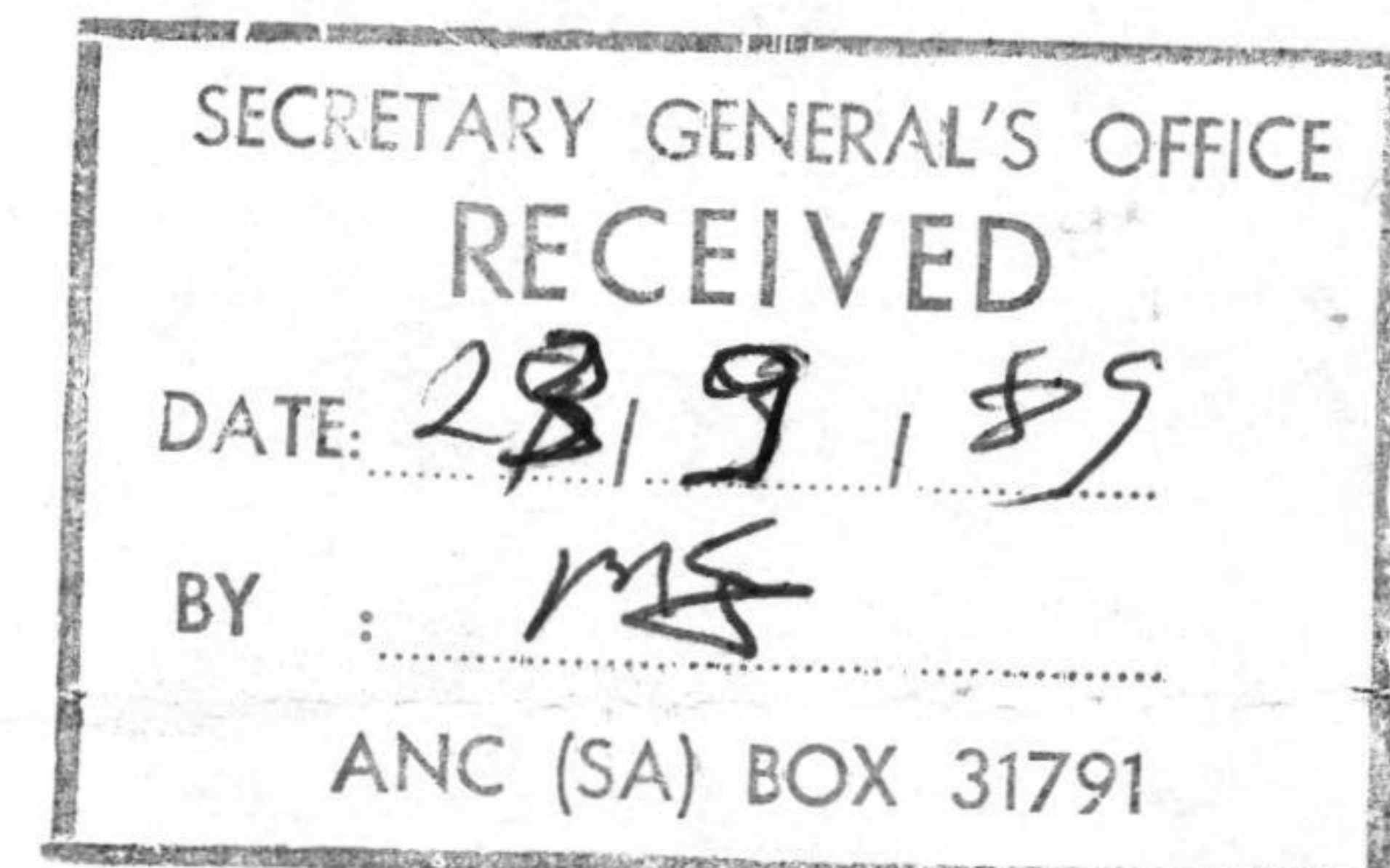




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Dear Comrade Nzo,

RE: GEORGE MBELE'S APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ANC.

I write to you in order, through you, to raise the matter of George Mbele's application to join the African National Congress.

When I was recently in Zimbabwe I met and had discussions with George Mbele who informed me that he was anxiously awaiting to hear the decision of our movement regarding his application to be admitted into membership. He further informed me that he had, in addition to submitting a formal application for membership, also had discussions with some of our senior leadership who assured him that his application is receiving consideration and that he would be advised, as soon as a decision is made on his application.

I should inform you that I have decided to raise this matter because George informed me that he is willing to do work for the ANC as soon as a favourable decision is taken on his application. I am particularly keen, should the ANC decide to admit George into membership, to utilise him in education and take advantage of his enormous experience as an educationist. He has indicated readiness to serve in education.

I am sure that you are aware of the serious staffing problem that we have in the Education Department. I am particularly keen to ensure

that our educational institutions are competently managed and that instruction and teaching within them is conducted professionally to achieve high standards that will transform our educational establishments into institutions of educational excellence.

Since a general amnesty has been declared by our movement to all those who had offended against our organisation, it is my view that this amnesty should also be extended to the case of George Mbele, at least as far as considering his case is concerned.

I am certain that you will recall that I, had very bitter quarels with George at the time of the problems we had to deal with, within the Luthuli Memorial Foundation, which, to a large measure were spearheaded by him. I do think, however, that we should give at least formal consideration to his application. I raise this matter with the view only to facilitate a decision being taken on his application.

I trust that you will find it possible to present George's application to the appropriate organs of our movement for consideration at your discretion.

Yours in the struggle,

Seretse Choabi
Secretary for Education