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HIS EXCELLENCY

Dr. OLIVER R. TAMBO

PRESIDENT DE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

De ar B rother Pros\de nt,

Further to our letter of V January and the telephone inquiry from your office of 4 February, this is to inform you of the outcome of our today with tho Rector of the National University e>f Pt-nin,

Although your attendance at the Ceremony was never in our view a condition of final approval of the Award, we would have been honoured to welcome you to Benin in the framework of the deliberat1ons of the forthcoming Fanafricanist Congress. Indeed* we were aware of your stat e

of health end for our part would have been honoured to receive a substitute in the person ot the ANC/s Secretary for Education.

Although the National University of Benin remains in favour of our proposal of the Awarding cf the Honorary Doctorate to Your Excellency,

the institution is not accustomed to remitting title of Doctor (Honor is Causa) to a representative of the Honoreo.

We remain determined,however', to bring the matter of our nomination of Your Excellency to fruition, under the auspices of the new Government

which will be elected in March and to arrange for the. remittance of the

degree by a Representative of the Government of Benin to you or a representative of the ANC at a mutually agreeable time and place if only to make amends for this untoward situation, which is in no way in keeping with the spirit of our nomination and your lifetime of service to your people. ... C/f..... --

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