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To All ANC Units In The United States:

Greetings In The Year Of People United For A Democratic
South Africa!

This latest communication contains the following elements:

The new committee set up by HQ to address the
repatriation question;

The status of the Mandela Reception Committees;

The development of an exile/membership register;

The discussions surrounding the handling of new
membership applications;

The Regional Cultural Conference;

Election of a new RWC;

Unit Structures;

Unit.Reports;

The beginning of reconstruction at home.

New Committee Set g9 Ex g9 29 Address The Repatriation Question:

Repatriation Committee:

This committee has been charged with compiling an
accurate register of all ANC members all over the world in order
to facilitate an orderly process of return of exiles.

Regional Political Committee

The committee, headed by Cde Jacky Selebe, and headquartered in Lusaka, will soon distribute new forms requesting updated membership information (skills, education, etc.) which will be added to a job bank being developed inside the country to ensure proper job placement of as many members as possible upon their return to SA. This effort is headed by Cde Ahmed Kathrada at home.

The gstatgs 91 The Mandela Reception Committees:

In the last communication we requested that you forward to us a list of names of leaders from your area whom we should consider asking to serve on the National Reception Committee. While we have received some suggestions, not all the units have reported in yet. Could you please let us know ASAP so that we may constitute that committee in time for the impending visit of Cde Mandela.

Recently, there have been some questions regarding the continued functioning of these reception committees. It is the RPC's distinct wish that these committees continue to function at this time for these reasons:

- . There have been requests from several committees that we allow them to continue operating since their actions have been so successful that they feel this type of cooperation needs to be strengthened.

- . Because there has never been such an ANC-oriented coalition in existence before, we felt it best that these coalitions continue to function in order to bring us closer to our longtime goal of establishing that national pro-ANC coalition that we have so long been working toward.

- . The Reception Committees were created to bring attention to the fact that apartheid still exists regardless of the release of some political prisoners while, secondarily, also welcoming the release of our leaders from jail. Since the basic objective has not been achieved, there is absolutely no reason for the dissolution of these committees at this time.

If anyone has a problem with these coalitions being named Mandela Reception Committees, then the RFC suggests that these committees be renamed as Mandela Solidarity Committees with the important objective being the development of a strong pro-ANC coalition.

In the past, we have always had to rely on such a multitude of organizations for political support that the task of disseminating information to them became a prohibitively expensive one. Hence, our communication with the support groups in this country have been horrendous for quite a long time now. This structure will go a long way toward addressing that longstanding communications problem. Under this new structure we only' have to seek lthe support of the leadership to help us disseminate our message to a nationwide network.

It is therefore important that we encourage the continued formation of such committees to bring us a step closer to our overall objective.

You may already have heard that Cde Mandela is set to visit our region before the end 9; July. The RPC is currently negotiating with HQ in Lusaka and HQ at home to ensure that our members serve as the host of Cde Mandela to this region to prevent our leader's stature from being used to satisfy the political objectives of any one individual or organization. Please rush your suggestions for any possible political objectives and program that Cde Mandela's visit here should achieve. This must be done ASAP since there are already certain individuals jockeying for position even though they have not been very helpful to our Movement in the past. Express mail or telephone calls to either myself or Cde Nomazizi will be much appreciated.

In the last communication we requested that you forward to us a list of all ANC members currently in your area. We had hoped to take about one month to work on this project but, considering the pace of events, we have to move a little faster than we originally planned. Apparently Cde Mandela has expressed the wish that as many exiles as possible return home in appropriate fashion so that they can be consulted during negotiatations to ensure the most democratic process possible.

Therefore, we ask for your immediate response on this matter to allow us to submit a complete list of members to HQ with deliberate speed.

The Discussions Surrounding The gandling 9; New Membership
In several conversations with leaders from home and Insaka regarding the handling of the flood of membership applications since the unbanning of our Mbvement by the people, two clear

schools of thought have emerged: The first school feels that membership applications should be handled the way it has been in the past; the second school feels that, since our Movement has been "legalized", prospective members should apply for membership through the units in their areas at home. Currently, Cde Sisulu has been placed in charge of reestablishing the structures of our Movement in various parts of the country and that effort has not yet been completed. People like Cde Patrick Lekota is helping in this effort through the offices/structures of the UDF.

A survey of RPC members indicates that we should maintain our current procedure for considering applications until we have received instructions from HQ asking us to do it differently. Besides, until all the units and zones inside the country have been delineated, it would not be possible for us to direct people to structures inside the country at this stage.

Additionally, we have also been told that new membership cards are being issued to those applying for membership inside the country and, from all indications, a massive number of people are joining our Movement. In fact, at all rallies, Cde Mandela has directed the crowds of hundreds of thousands of people to join the ANC and to purchase their cards for R12 each. Most of the time he has given challenges to all to go out and sign up ten members each. At one recent rally of 95,000 people he asked them to do just that. Apparently, as a result, the printers cannot print these cards fast enough. I have ordered a set of cards for us here too. As soon as we get these we will distribute it to you.

The Regional Cultural Conference:

As per instructions of the last AGM, the RPC has called a cultural conference to discuss the role of culture in a pre- and post-apartheid South Africa, the continued implementation of the cultural boycott, and the election of a new Regional Cultural Committee for our region.

This conference will be held 1g New York 9Q Saturday. June ;L 1990. More information will be forthcoming from the conference coordinators, Cdes Dennis Humble and Rajen Naidoo. Please mark the date in your calendar.

Eng Elggtign Q; A Begiogal ngens Committee:

As per the last AGM, a womens conference was to have been called to reinvigorate the structures of the women in this region. An interim RWC was formed to organize this effort. On

Saturday, April 14, 1990, a conference was held but no RWC was elected.

I have been asked to inform you that the election of a full term RWC will be conducted at the cultural conference to be held on June 2__, 1990. All women are asked to be present at this conference to ensure the widest participation possible.

Unit Structures:

We have received a few unit structures. If you have not sent us yours, please do so ASAP. We need to develop a chart of units and their officers for submission of a complete regional structure and all units to Lusaka immediately.

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The RPC will discuss all unit reports at its next meeting to be held on Sunday, May 13, 1990.

19; must submit your unit reports no later than May 19, 1990.

Since your reports form the core of our regional report, we have not been able to forward our report to Lusaka because we have been unable to secure all unit reports. Our regional report is already overdue.

Reconstruction at home:

As a rule, in most revolutions, reconstruction is undertaken only after the formal transfer of power from one force to another. The reasoning behind this, it is said, is because the process of the pursuit of liberation takes precedence over the implementation of reconstruction projects.

However, our leaders, in their wisdom, feel that this effort

- must begin immediately so that we may provide our own alternatives to those dispossessed who require assistance.

For example, the resettlement of refugees, exiles and other returning South Africans will require a massive job creation effort that should be mounted immediately to avoid the inevitable disillusionment that could follow if we are unable to provide the proper relief after the dismantlement of the apartheid system.

Therefore, during his current visit to the United States, Cde Aubrey Hokoena has provided us with some proposals for projects either envisioned or already in motion. If you know of any possible sources of assistance for these projects, or if you could raise some of the funds yourselves, please inform the RPC

immediately since we have been asked to play a more active role in the solicitation of such assistance. We will then forward such assistance to the appropriate recipients.

Some of the projects being mounted at this time are:

Usizg Laggizwg Development Egojegt:

This project, created to puomote vocational training and the acquisition of technical skills by our people, will benefit the following categories:

- Restricted activists;
- Activistists in general;
- Dependents of activists;
- People form the community whose awareness have been targeted for additional enhancement.

This project has already embarked on a number of important ventures, having sent a number of activists to training schools (15 people were trained in the Free State, 8 in Natal and 20 are expected from the Northern Transvaal area).

Additional plans are to provide training centers, site acquisitions, expansion to other areas, purchase of equipment, continued training of personnel, media work and other miscellaneous activities.

The project will be headed by the following people:

- Aubrey Mokoena (Chairman)
- Rev. James Ngomane (Secretary)
- Jabu Mgwenya (Treasurer)
- Cassius Lubisi (Member)
- Mongezi Mngese (Member)

The Trust currently operates form 1st Floor, Portland Place, 37 Jorrisen Street, Braamfontein 2017.

If you have any concrete suggestions, please feel free to contact these comrades directly or through the RPC.

As you well know, this project will cost quite a lot of money. In fact, we lwere given a budget of R678,600 for the continuation of this project. If any of you have ideas, feel free to forward these to us or the project coordinators.

Rehabilitation 9; Our Leaders' Homes:

An additional expenditure is required to rebuild the homes

of our leaders who have just been released from jail. The rehab of our ten leaders' homes will cost a grand total of R785,000.

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This programme has been devised to help in the resettlement of all exiles/refugees who will be returning home.

The total one-year cost for this project will require an expenditure of R1, 982, 400.

The Release Mandela Campaign, The Mandela Reception Committee and HQ in Lusaka are responsible for coordinating this project.

Black Iganslating And Literagx Services:

This project specializes in translating material, mainly from English into seven African languages (Zulu, Xhosa, South Sotho, Tswana, North Sotho, Venda and Tsonga), is black-owned and was started in 1980.

The project operates from 1st Floor, Portland Place, 37 Jorriksen Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg 2001, telephone (011) 339-3449.

Establishment Of Training Center For Brick Manufacturing And ggic glaxing E0 ; Th e gomelesg a_g gagmployed In Soweto:

This project serves a dual purpose in 'that it seeks to provide employment for unemployed construction industry workers while building much-needed homes for the black population.

Total financing for this project is estimated to be R750,000.

Considering our own operational needs in this region and at HQ, it may be somewhat difficult to raise all these resources in the short time we have. However, many supporters are more willing to identify with specific projects inside the country for their own particular reasons than with many projects we have outside. Therefore, if there are any possible sources of support in this area, feel free to put them in touch with the project leaders or request a copy of the full proposal from the RFC office in New York.

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