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I acknowledge receipt of your Fax of April 25. You may continue to contact me at ANC Headquarters, as our political responsibilities continue, notwithstanding election results.

I look forward to your paper.

It is difficult to intervene with CSD, as I have no details on your application, their response etc. I suggest you speak with B R Naidu at the HSRC who may be able to assist. In addition contact Sipho Pityana of the newly formed social science body addressing the advancement of black researchers.

I wish you success.

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I realise the futility of expecting your attention at an extremely busy moment such as this ....1 Last week I tried five times in two days to contact you by telephone, but withOut success. However, circumstances presently urges me to persist with attempts to communicate with you.

The reason I am trying to contact you is about a paper I have written for a conference at the University of Calgary, Canada, in July 1994. The conference is on Organisational Symbolism and my paper is titled "From Chieftainship'to NOOn-Racialism ; ANC Symbolism as a basis for Collaborative Action."

The early stages of my research was not intended to focus on the ANC alone. But as I gathered information since November 1993 I haVe noticed that contributions on the symbolism of the ANC hardly exists in comparison with the NP. And as it turned out, after about 40 references, I noticed that at an organisational IeVel the ANC was consistent in its efforts and tremendously moderate by other political parties standards. The paper covers symbolic issues since the late nineteenth century up to recent contemporary events.

I have covered issues such as the ANC's national symbols (anthem and flag), and symbolic action, which gave rise to collaboration - in a conciliatory spirit - with parties supportive of its course. I tried to argue here that through such symbolic action the ANC aimed to isolate parties such as the NP, with the intention of redrawing into a fully fledged democratic process. I have chosen not to post my paper to you yet, because I have been told that you will be leaving for Cape Town after the election. If I could get your address there I would post it immediately .

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What I would appreciate from you, however, is to interVene, if possible, at the CSD in Pretoria, to secure funding for my travel to the conference. You are aware that the CSD's (HSRC' s) funding agent for those in the humanities has operated with bias against academics in the Historically Black Universities. Many of us at UDW feel a sense of hopelessness when we apply to the CSD for such funding. I write new because of their rather delayed responses and the arrogance we face when we call them directly.

I must emphasise that it was never my intention to write positively about the ANC just for the sake of it, nor was it an attempt to ingratiate myself with seniors in it. I appeal to you out of the sheer hopelessness we feel about this situation, since it is late in the year to be making arrangements for travel.

Once again I apologise for writing to you in this hectic period.

Sincerely

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