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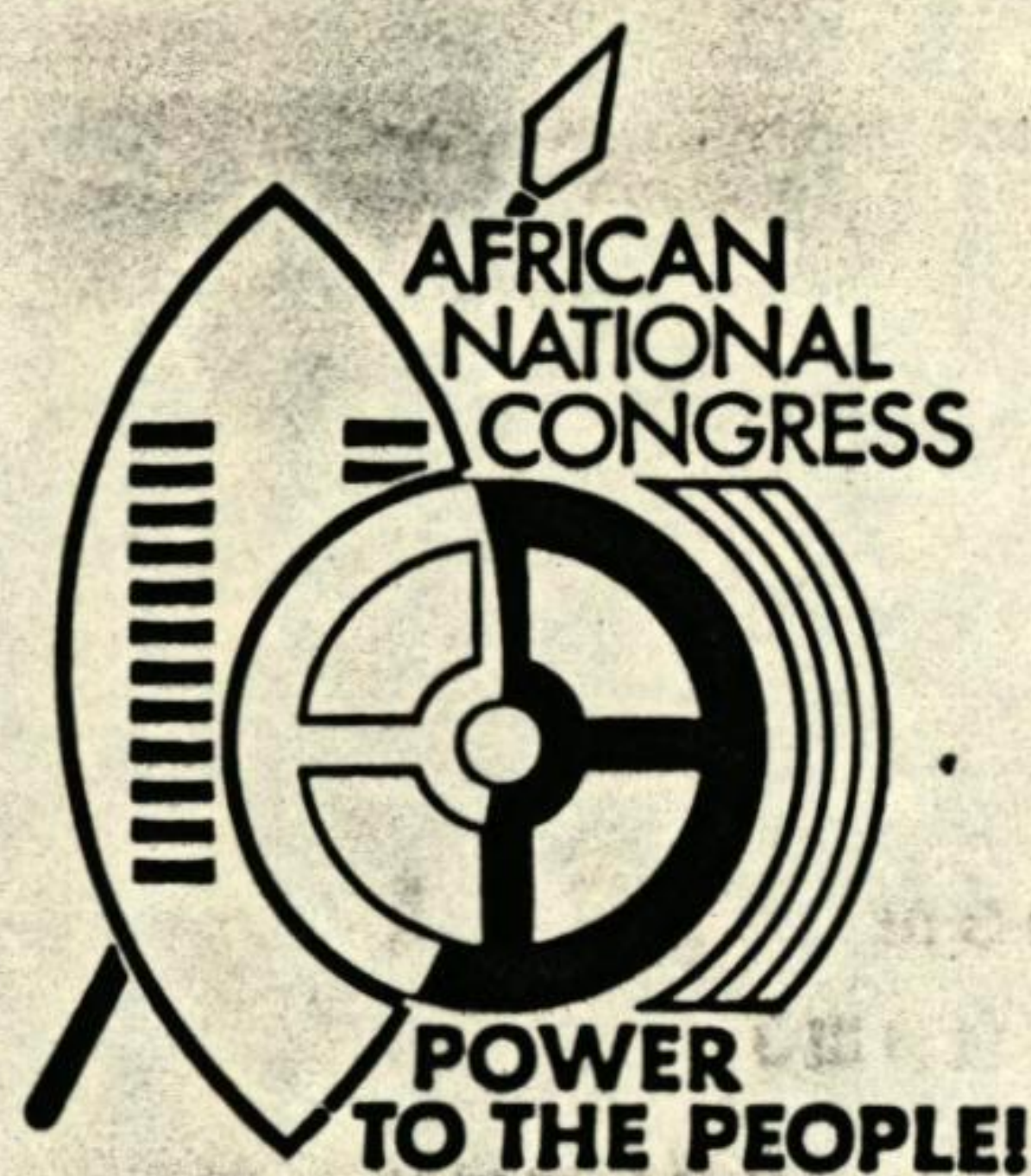
REF: UNIV OF NATAL
DELEGATION

TO: ASST SECRETARY GENERAL

Attached: (1) MEMO TO COMMISSION FOR PROFESSIONAL BODIES
(2) COPY OF LETTER TO CDE AZIZ PAHAD
(3) PROPOSED AGENDA FROM UNIV OF NATAL.

WITH COMPLIMENTS

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Aziz Pahad
Member of the NEC
African National Congress
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Dear Cde Aziz

Proposed Meeting Between Representatives of the ANC and the
University of NATAL.

Thank you for sending the letter dated 1/8/88 from Professor Philpott of the University of Natal. Cde Reggie Mpongo handed it to me on August 20th 1988.

Regrettably few NEC members have been and are around and this has made it difficult for the DOE to confirm with Natal through you the suitability of the suggested dates, viz, 19-22 October 1988. However, I have consulted the Assistant Secretary-General, Cde Henry, and he feels that we should go ahead on the basis of these dates.

A preparatory committee will be convened next week and all the necessary practical arrangements will be made. In the absence of Cdes Pallo & Thabo who played an important part in previous meetings with delegations from UCT, UWC, and the Academic Support Programme of WITS University, it will help if you could contact them and ask them (a) whether or not they will be in Lusaka at the times of the Natal University visit (b) if they wish to nominate participants for the meeting, and (c) if they have any specific agenda items to propose. Your own answers to these questions will also be appreciated.

I enclose for your information a check-list of tasks for the visit of the University of Natal delegation. Kindly inform us about the following:-

- (a) does the delegation require an invitation to be sent to it from UNZA?
- (b) do we have to make their hotel reservations?
- (c) who will pay their hotel bill, including cost of meals & other expenses.
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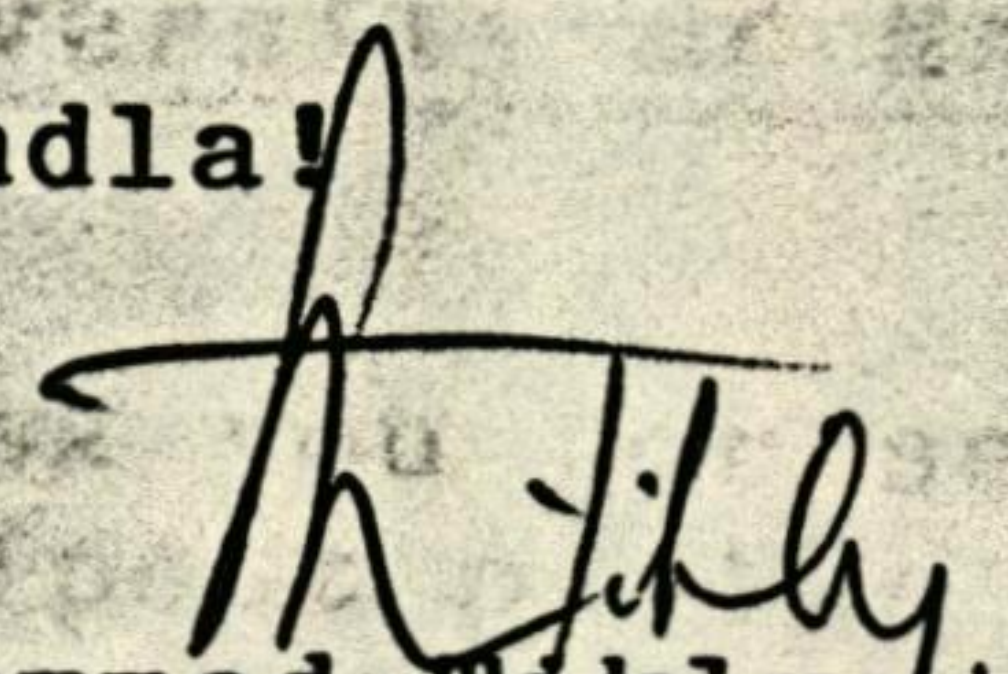
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At its meeting on September 3 1988, the Secretariat of the Department of Education discussed the proposed visit, which was welcomed.

Six DOE members were nominated to participate in the meeting with the University of Natal delegation. Furthermore, a number of discussions topics were put forward. These will be collated and put to the Preparatory Committee. Finally, the Secretariat expressed surprise that the University of Natal delegation consists of three senior administrators, all white; there are no teaching staff members or students. Could you raise this with Professor Philpott.

It will be necessary to talk on the phone about this visit and I propose that you telex me to say when I should stand by the phone at HQ, to wait for your call. Weekdays between 12.30-14.00, Lusaka time, is the best time for me.

Amandla!


Mohammed Tikly

Acting Secretary for Education

cc: **NEC Secretariat, ANC, Lusaka**

cc: CPB, ANC, Lusaka

SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION c/o UK office.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Commission for Professional Bodies

(M. Piliso, P. Jordan, R. Mgijima, B. Masekela, M. Sisulu,
Z. Skweyiya, S. Choabi)

REF: PROPOSED VISIT BY UNIVERSITY OF NATAL DELAGATION

Enclosed is a copy of the letter dated 1/8/88 from Professor Philpott of the University of Natal, requesting a meeting with representatives of the African National Congress in Lusaka from October 19-20, 1988. The Draft Agenda from the University of Natal is also enclosed.

I have consulted the Assistant Secretary-General about the visit and Cde Makgothi's view is that we proceed on the basis of the suggested dates. He suggests further that the Commission for Professional Bodies should appoint a Preparatory Committee and Coordinator for the visit. Attached is a checklist of tasks that will require attention to effect the proposed visit. P.T.O.

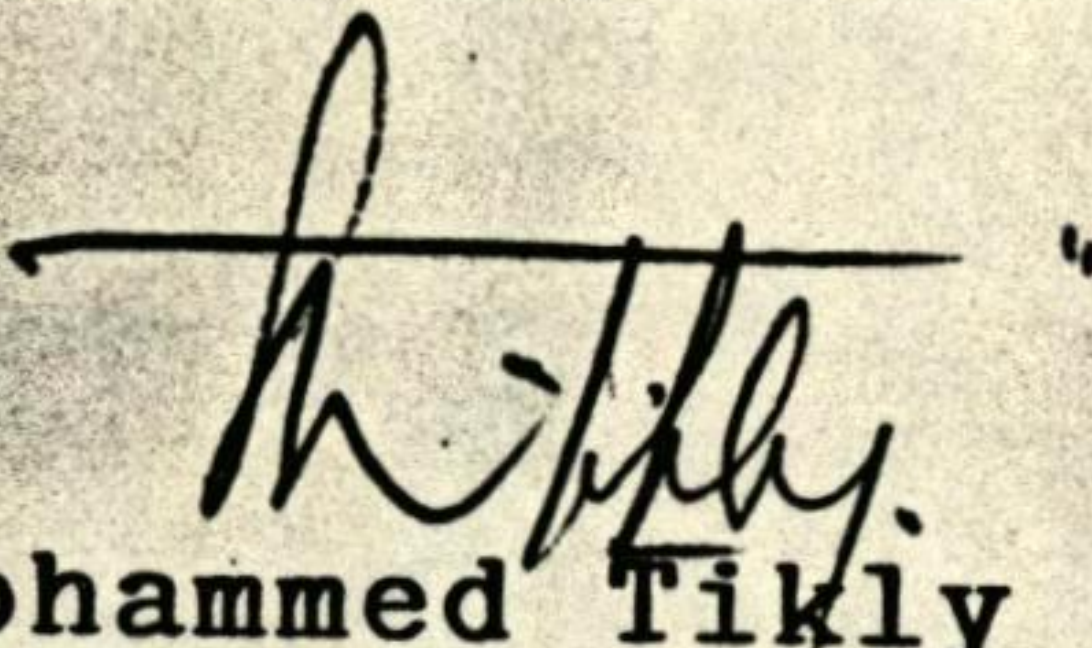
May I propose that the next meeting of the Commission for Professional Bodies should give this matter consideration.

At its last meeting, the Secretariat of the Department of Education discussed the proposed visit and felt that the DOE should be represented by:- Seretse Choabi, Jack Simons, Ivy Motsepe, Lidelwe Mabandla, Wintshi Njobe, Babu September and Mohammed Tikly.

The meeting of our Secretariat, furthermore, suggested some issues to be raised with the University of Natal delegation and noted that the delegation consists of three white senior administrators and no teaching staff or students.

Since the proposed meeting is being arranged through Cde Aziz Pahad, I have written to him about this.

In the Year of United Action for People's Power!


Mohammed Tikly
Acting Secretary for Education

cc; NEC SECRETARIAT, ANC, LUSAKA

Ass. S. G. O

Received: 14/09/88

CHECK-LIST OF TASKS

For visit of University of Natal Delegation

1. Convene preparatory committee in consultation with NEC Secretariat.
2. Consult Secretariat of the Department of Education
3. Draft and circulate Agenda.
4. Inform participants about papers to be prepared for consultation.
5. Opening ANC address to be prepared (by whom?)
6. Draft Programme for visit.
7. Letter to UNZA and visit Vice-Chancellor. re (a) invitation to University of Natal delegation, and (b) visit to UNZA.
8. Airport clearance.
9. Transport (a) from & to Airport (b) during visit.
10. Accommodation: (a) where? (b) who will pay?
11. Meals: who will pay?
12. See OTG re: financial aspects and transport.
13. Composition of ANC delegation.
14. Appoint Coordinator for visit.
15. Security arrangements.
16. Circulate documentation, e.g. UWC, ASP(WITS) Reports, documents from the University of Natal.
17. Arrange venue for meeting.

PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL AND
THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

OBJECTIVES

It is anticipated that the African National Congress and the University would inform each other of their respective roles in the years ahead, with emphasis on exploring areas of common interest. It would be hoped that the following would emerge from the discussions.

1. An understanding of each others political philosophy and the way in which we use it to interpret the past and inform our roles in the present and future South Africa.
2. The ANC's expectations for change in the post-apartheid society and in the intervening years in the following areas:
 - i) economic structures
 - ii) community development and housing
 - iii) agricultural systems
 - iv) the provision of health care
 - v) manpower needs
 - vi) the education system, at all levels
 - vii) relationships with other universities in Africa.
3. Review of relationships between the University and the various sectors of South Africa's presently divided society.
4. Shared perspectives of the role of the University in:
 - i) the recruitment and selection of students and staff.
 - ii) provision of an appropriate curriculum in each Faculty.
 - iii) structures and methods of management in the University.
 - iv) appointments to the University Council.
5. The most effective methods to deal with the educational disadvantages of "Bantu Education", both in the short-term and long-term. This to include
 - i) the re-education of both the privileged and the deprived and oppressed.
 - ii) discussion of methods to cater for the deficits.
6. The relationships with other Universities in South Africa.
7. An understanding of the problems related to University funding and government subsidy with consideration of approaches to South African and overseas donors.
8. Shared perspectives on sanctions and the academic boycott.
9. Proposals for future meetings between the University and the African National Congress to consider each of these matters in greater detail and to keep abreast of future developments.