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DIRECTOR'S REPORT - MISSION TO NIGERIA, 30TH JANUARY TO 4TH

February, 1994 h ,

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1.1: The Director last visited the LMT Nigeria project in May, 1993. It was, therefore, time to visit the students and Counsellors again.

1.2: It was also convenient to visit Nigeria at this time since UNESCO and Austcare/Aidab had announced their intention to visit . Nigeria at the time; it, therefore, seemed appropriate for' the Director to be present in Nigeria at the same time to exchange notes with them. Unfortunately, ANC and Aidab Representatives from Johannesburg did not, as expected, arrive and UNESCO Representatives from Paris left Lagos on the 29th January, 1994, instead of the agreed date of the 1st January, 1994. The Director was, however, able to spend two days in discussions with Mr Tekie, Austcare Programme officer from Sydney, Australia.

1.3: The Director hoped to meet the Australian High Commissioner, an AIDAB Representatives in Lagos, but this meeting was aborted, due to flight difficulties between Kaduna and Lagos. Details of these difficulties have been given elsewhere.

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2.1: Alneeting was held with Counsellors in the office of the Co-ordinator, Ms x.M. Skomolo, on the 1st January, 1994.

2.2: The purpose of the meeting was to arrange an itinerary for the Director's visit to centres where the LMT his students.

2.3: It was agreed that the Director should meet students in Lagos and should then visit Kano, Ibadan and others in Ikenne. In the result he did not visit Kano because the Counsellor there was away in South Africa and no proper arrangements could be made for him to see any student in Keno.

2.4: Counsellor Jaro Bulurobe was detailed to accompany the Director.

2.5: The meeting also held long discussions on the fate of the Programme after the 31/12/94. The Director undertook, funds permitting, to visit Australia on this issue as soon as at all possible.

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.\_- we. m. Rev. Tom Butler; Dr. Slbusiso Dengu; Mr. B. M. Birnberg; Mr. John Matthew ODE; Mr. Thabo Mbeki; The RL Rev. Hugh Montenom;

' "WI N20: Prof. Terence Ranger; Dr. Richald Ruhbone; Prof. G. M. Seuloane.

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3. Meeting with five (5) students in Lagos.

3.1: The students present at the meeting of the 31/01/94 were:

\_ Ms. sibongile Mchunu

- Messrs Mpongoshe Bonakele

- Welcome Kelipe

Jefte Mwenda

- Micheal Shangase (Apologies)

- Happy Motau (Apologies)

- Achor Nong

These students were all frustrated since they had been waiting in Lagos for repatriation to South Africa since July, 1993, and the UNHCR had failed them. Also, when the UNHCR finally repatriated their comrades in December, 1993, they had been left behind for unfathomable reasons. They desperately wanted to return home.

3.2: Anchor Nong. He left South Africa in May; 1990. and wished to visit S.A. and return to Nigeria to study for a degree and return permanently to S.Ag "as a finished product"; but if the worst came to the worst he would return to s.A. to read Business Administration. Very unhappy that he was left behind when the group that wee scheduled to leave Lagos for S.A. on the 26/12/93 but in fact left on the 02/01/94 left. Also felt cheated of the R2500.00 promised to returnees by UNHCR if they returned home not later then the 31/12/93.

3.3: Jafta Mwenda: Anxious to complete his studies in Nigeria; that is what he and his;parente wanted. Repatriation issue rankled with him too.

3.4: Mpongoshi Bonakelel Married a Nigerian wife in March.

1993, and has a five (5) Months baby. Wanted to return to South Africa and leave the wife behind to complete her studies.

Intractable problem left in the hands of Co-ordinator and her colleagues. The Project has no budget for families/children.

3.5: Ms Sibongile Mchunut Completed her studies in July, 1993. and had since been waiting for repatriation but to no avail. All she wanted was to return to South Africa.

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4.1: Mr Vuyisile Pandlei 30 years old, single, with one child two (2) years in Zambia and one child seven (7) years in South Africa. Arrived April, 1991, from Zambia. Doing Diploma in Theatre Arts, 3rd year..finishing March, 1994. Wishes to do degree three (3) years in the same subject.

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4.2: Mr Reuben Sekgothudi: Student of Theology Emmanuel College, Ibadan. Forty (40) years old. Single. Financial problems - N1500 needed urgently for eye glasses; book allowances; N500.00 needed for special Bible Commentary; clothing allowances also. Also raised issue of whether arrangements were being made for them to vote on the 27/04/94. ,

5. VISIT TO IKEEEE TO . OGUN S TE 01 94

5.1: Met these students:

- Jabu Mtshali
- Petrus Mokotla
- Conolly Matlala
- Angela Cele
- . - V. Ndhlovu
- Amos Zulu
- Vusi Mkhabela
- . Christabel Maphumolo
- Simon Mokami
- one student missing from meeting.

5.2: All these students are secondary school students.

5.3: All wish to continue their tertiary education in Nigeria, over the next 3-4 years and are supported strongly by their matron, Mrs S.M. Solarin, Head and Proprietor, Mayflower Junior School because they are all good and serious - minded students.

5.4: Their problems are serious:

5.4.1: They said that the LMT last paid them their allowances in December, 1993, and informed them that since they had completed their studies and since no new students can be taken . on new 3 or 4 year degree courses, they will receive no further help from LMT after December, 1993, and should return to S.A. They did not want to do that; instead they were seeking admission to Universities etc. on their own. They needed the help of the LMT Co-ordinator in obtaining University places, but she was unable to help. If they were going to tour Nigeria seeking University places they would need money from LMT to travel. This raised serious problems for the LMT and Co-ordinator since that was not provided for in the budget.

5.4.2: Voting issue on 27/04/94 also raised. Vote in Nigeria or in S.A.? Charter flight to S.A. to vote as happened to Namibian students at the time of Namibian Independence?  
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accompanied on this journey by Mr  
Counsellor for Kaduna students.

We met these students:

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Brian Maomi

Noel Namu

Magdalene Name

- Philemon Mahlangu

Jeffrey Mdluli

- Thadiwe Mhlango

- Mike Masenya

- Wifred Simphiwe

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In Lagos (since the heavy fog prevented flights  
rom taklng off at Kaduna) for the meetlng with the Australian  
. High Commiss wner.

7.5: They all wanted to vote on the 27/04/94. ssue discussed  
fully. greed to pursue it further with the ANC and donors  
although the chances of bezng able to go to S.A. to vote seemed  
very slim.

7.6: All wanted to stay on 1n Nigierla  
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7.8: Three (3) students wanted help with "direct entry" into Universities i.e. entry without going through official channels. I discussed fully.

Obstacles in the way of this propose

7.9: Complaints of LMT inefficiency in giving them their stipends late. This has adverse effects on their food, tuition fees, books, instruments. clothing etc. Money promised them for the 10/01/94 had not yet been paid - -for unknown reasons. Promises made to them in this regard and contained in a circular dated 30/09/93 had not been kept. Anxious to receive money for books, instruments etc. Matter to be taken up with Lagos to ascertain true state of affairs.

7.10: Three (3) students wanted t

(1) year. Would LMT sponsor them? Financial problems could make that impossible after the 31/12/94. but door not totally closed . in this particular case; all depended on whether UNESCO would continue funding a few students after 31/12/94 or not.

7.11: Wilfred Simphire and Zondi wanted attachments in the U.K. Advised to apply (through Ms Skomolo) to the South African Advanced Education Project, Trajan House, Mill Street, Oxford, OX2.0AW U.K. Tel(0865)200686 Fax(0865)200353 for assistance since SAAEP specialised in that field. They may use the Director's name in the application to SAAEP.

8. Meeting with Mr Iekig, Agstcage Pgoject foicer, Lagos:

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8.1: We had met at breakfast on two occasions since we stayed in the same hotel. This meeting was, therefore, a continuation of the breakfast sessions. We discussed the issues that follow:

8.2: Extension of Project by one (1) academic year, in fact 9 months, This hinged on availability of funds, and although he . would raise the issue with AIDAB he held out no hope of success.

8.3: Sit-in, 1992: Tekie wished to have an up-date on this event and its consequences. The Director would ask the Co-ordinator to prepare him a report on this subject, for forwarding by him to Austcate as soon as possible.

8.4: Some students finish in 1994, others in 1995. What happens to the 1995 brigade? Only AIDAB and UNESCO can say. The Director to discuss with AIDAB in Sydney during 1994.

8.5: UNDP/UNESCO funding arrived late, thus forcing LMT to use Austcare funds in the interim. Austcare/Aidab very unhappy about that; position to be regularised quickly.

8.6: Acquittal of money by Counsellors. Explanation requested-

3.7: Progress reports on students requested.

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8.8: Late reporting by LNT to Austcare/Aidab

Explanation requested and given, But  
accepted or not.

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they know the Nigerian situation best.7

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9 1. The Co-ordinator is required to follow-up on the

specific issues referring to her office in this report and report  
progress without delay.

9.2: A wide range of issues arising

Austcare (not UNESCO) funding on the 31/12/94 and affecting  
students, staff, LMT, Property etc.

will have to be addressed

quickly in order to make the transition

for all concerned. Decision - makers in UNESCO and AIDAB will

need to be confronted soon on these

general Elections in April,

Nigerian

1994, in order to put

Government.