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15th February, 1972.

Mr. M. Meimang,
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I O. Box 680,
Morogoro,
TANZANIA.

Dear Comrade,

re: NATURE OF ANNIVERSARIES COMMISSION;

We wish to thank you for the courtesy of seeking our
comment and opinion on this matter.

The Anniversaries Commission was set up by the Extended
National Executive Meeting which was held in Lusaka in August
last year.

The overwhelming consensus at the meeting indicated a
paramount need to observe December 16, 1971, and January 8th,
1972 as dates of singular historic significance.
The former
marked a decade since the momentous birth of Umkhonto We Sizwe
while the latter saw the conclusion of sixty hard, anxious and
eventful years since the founding not only of the ANC, but
also of South African nationhood itself.
These two birthdays symbolise important milestones in the
history of our people.

By any criterion

We submit that it was with these rare factors and considerations
in view that the Meeting called for the creation of the
Anniversaries Commission.
Its clear role is to supervise and coordinate preparations for the
commemoration of the two events.

The mandate could not have been

Anniversaries are indeed by definition yearly returns of

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particular date. In 200/230
organization we can boast quite a handful of these dates.

Noteworthy though they all are, one doubts if they all warrant
the attention of a special and permanent commission.
The Office of the Secretary-General should maintain constant
vigilance over such issues and accordingly decide on the
appropriate steps to be taken.

Rather,

Once more we wish to thank you for referring the subject
to us for comment, however inept.
Observations are sincere and made in good faith.

You can be assured our

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