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# African National Congress

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## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

To: NZA-SECRETARIAT

Attention: ANNEMARIE MIJNSBERGEN

From: TOINE EGGENHUIZEN

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2000

### RE: FINANCIAL REPORT ON ARCHIVE M/F PROJECT

The cost of air travel JNB-AMS: 2 x R15,759.50 = R31,519.00 (awaiting second invoice from travel agent to complete payment, refer cheque 1909. NZA 2012.)



EVALUATION NZA MIRROR FUNCTION PROJECT  
ANC ARCHIVE STUDY TRIP 8-10 NOVEMBER

*ANC- Delegation*

Mr. Mohamed Tikly, senior member of the NEC Archives Committee

Mr. Rapiitse Montsho, Department of Communications (Photography & Video Unit, including video archiving)

*Summary:*

We have been able to visit the archives/ institutes as requested by the delegation. This even though preparations started (too) late due to different reasons. Also, the archives and institutes visited were very enthusiastic on forehand and even more after the visit of the delegation. Several hosts of the archives/ institutes have even offered their help, either on a personal or a professional account.

The only drawback was the fact that we the delegation was not able to retrieve the information on archiving of political parties that was wished for. Whether this was because incompatible situations or because of an inaccuracy in the choice for archives/ institutes to visit cannot be said with certainty. My impression is the former, since I have explicitly been asking round in 'archive land' and was advised the visits as programmed.

In all, to my idea the trip has been fruitful on a professional level and enchanting on a personal level.

*1. Preparation:*

Contacts with the ANC were through Toine Eggershuizen, ANC-counterpart for the NZA Mirror Function project. Preparation started rather late due to incapability on behalf of the VVD to comply to appointments made, a busy schedule on our side, and due to some haziness about the delegation details (aims, wishes, number of people etc) from the side of the ANC. However, non-of this has resulted in any sizeable problems, all the appointments wished for by the delegation have been realised. We were even able to bring about the specific request for audio visual/ photo archiving information.

However, the fact that the PvdA-archive is not managed by the PvdA but by the IISH, gave rise to some misunderstanding. The delegation had a special preference to discuss problems concerning delicate/ sensitive/ compromising material in relation to the ideal of openness of archives to the public. Although I have looked for persons within the party who might deal with matters as described, such was not possible due to sickness of the PvdA person responsible for archiving and because of the difference between the situation of the PvdA and that of the ANC. As the E-mail from November 29th of Mr. Tikly points out, due to these differences the delegation was apparently not able to gather the information wished for.

Another problem was the short notice on which things had to be arranged for. This brought unnecessary stress partly on the organisation, but most of all on the people who factually realised the tour, i.e. the delegates from the different archives we visited. Such is not the perfect basis for future co-operation in specific or for the creation of good will in general.

Last to mention are the flight schedules. It would be rather convenient if delegations could arrive somewhat later in the morning so that it is not needed to make costly 'early arrival' arrangements at the hotel. On the matter of departure time, it is advisable to depart the day after the last tour day. This way, that the dinner can take place on the last day and therefore does not need to be ended early. Another more important aspect are the check-in procedures. In order to properly check-in, we had to check-in utterly swift early Friday morning so as to be able to have a gratifying program on Friday. This (in combination with the problems with the hotel) caused unnecessary pressure on the part of the



organisation. Luckily we were able to succeed without any consequences. A little less fortune would have caused embarrassing situations though.

## **2. The Hotel:**

HOTEL INTELL, NIEUWEZIJDSKOLK 19, AMSTERDAM, 020-422 19 19

**Comments:** My experiences with this specific hotel have not been without remorse. In short, arrangements made had to be agreed on time and time again. Most disturbing was the fact that despite previous agreements, the hotel bothered the delegation members with matters that should have been addressed to Micha Hollestelle (the Dutch MF-counterpart). Things came to a point just beneath boiling point when, after having explained over and over again, the delegation was bothered again on departure, causing unwelcome delay in a tight schedule. Consequently, to my opinion this was the last time we made use of the services of this hotel.

## **3. THE TOUR:**

### **• WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER**

**Host:** Micha Hollestelle

**05.50:** Arrival at Schiphol

**Comments:** The plane arrived earlier than expected due to which the delegation had to wait for their MF-counterpart to bring them to the hotel. Other than that everything went smooth.

*No morning-program so as to recuperate from the trip*

**13.00:** Netherlands Audio-visual Archive (Nederlands Audiovisueel Archief)

Mediapark, Hilversum

Contact person: Rachel Jansen, 035 - 67 72 672 / Yvette Glauderman 035 - 67 74 873

Focal subject is the archiving of sound, video and film since. They do, however, also have a photo-archive. Questions about that subject are of course by no means illicit.

**Comments:** The arrangements made by the NAA were exquisite, as was their openness to questions from the delegation. The delegation showed special interest in their software used for archiving procedures as well as in their storage/ retrieval procedures

### **• THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER**

**Host:** Micha Hollestelle

**09.30:** Netherlands Institute for Archive Education and -Research

Weesperzijde 190, Amsterdam

020 - 595 19 00

Contact person: Ingrid Coolen (researcher, tutor & consultant)

**Comments:** Since the contact person works on a free-lance basis for the institute, that day she had been hired exclusively to host the delegation. Expansions paid for with the compliments of the Institute. In all, it was my impression that the visit was fruitful and in good atmosphere. Ingrid Coolen felt extremely honoured to host the comrades of the ANC. Ingrid Coolen offered her help in establishing the ANC-archive for non commercial rates.

**14.00:** International Institute Social History (Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis)

Cruquiusweg 31 (Bus 39/43 CS), Amsterdam



**Comments:** Like Ingrid Coolen, Jaap Haar was well informed on the matter of the history of the ANC struggle for abolition of Apartheid and even had a broad overview of the current situation. Besides the PvdA Archive, IISH also possessed material relevant for the ANC. In general the IISH has an impressive collection of international progressive ('leftist') social history (see also brochures elsewhere in this file). For example, the archive possesses some hand-written pages of the manuscript for the Communist Manifesto of Karl Marx. Hence the delegation gave the impression of feeling 'like a kid in the candy store'. Jaap Haar has offered his help if required by the ANC. He also showed his concern for the survival of ANC archive material.

**19.00: Diner**

**Comments:** Due to the short notice, we did not succeed in inviting Dutch NZA delegates. I'm booking a PvdA name, i.e. someone with significant status within the relevant political fields. Ellen van Koppen, the members of the delegation and yours truly were therefore the 'only ones' to join the diner in 'De Belhamel'. Halfway the evening Mr. Tikkly was picked up by an old friend of the NiZa. Nevertheless all the drawbacks, the conversation was pleasant and fruitful.

In general, it might be advisable to visit a restaurant where 'typical' Dutch meals are served. This delegation, as well as the delegation for the policy unit trip showed interest in such dishes.

• **FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

**Host:** Mila Klun (*evaluation by Mila Klun*)

**10.00:** General National Archive (Algemeen Rijksarchief Amsterdam, ARA)

Prins Willem-Alexanderhof 20, Den Haag

070 - 331 54 00

Contact person: Spokesman of the ARA Cees Jan van Golen

**Comments:** Cees Jan van Golen had arranged for a tour and a meeting with three fairly competent and enthusiastic workers from the archive; Ralph Dingemans and Noor Schreuder of the Productgroep Research, and Gerrit de Bruin who is project-leader International Conservatorium. Besides an explanation about ARA as an institute for archiving and her capacities as such, the accessibility of the archive was discussed. The tour was quite impressive. The enormous archives for the VOC were enthusiastically visited. Among the pieces shown to the delegation was the first notice from Van Riebeeck dated 1652, and the first drawing of Robbeneiland dating from 1654.

**15.00:** Netherlands Photo Institute/ Photo Archive

Witte de Withstraat 63, Rotterdam

010 - 233 07 88

Contact person: Flip Bool (director)

The photo archive has a restoration department

**Comments:** Flip Bool welcomed the delegation. As in the ARA, the institute was discussed, followed by a tour. Naturally, photos from and about South Africa were presented to the delegation. Points of special interest were the special technical devices needed for climate control.

**19.55:** Departure from Schiphol Airport



020 - 668 58 66

Contactperson: Jaap Haar

This is where the PvdA archive is located. People from IISH manage the PvdA-archive. The IISH has a Photo Archive as well.