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January 20, 1992

Mr. Tebogo Mofole
Representative of the African National Congress to the United Nations
801 Second Avenue
Suite 605
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Mofole:

I write to share with you my appeal to Lindiwe Mabuza to help with getting the bill paid to MSU for the extra ANC youth and student conference expenses that were incurred almost 18 months ago. I very much regret that I have had to go outside of the New York office, but my situation here in the University is worsening because the matter is not being dealt with, as you will see in my letter to Ms. Mabuza.

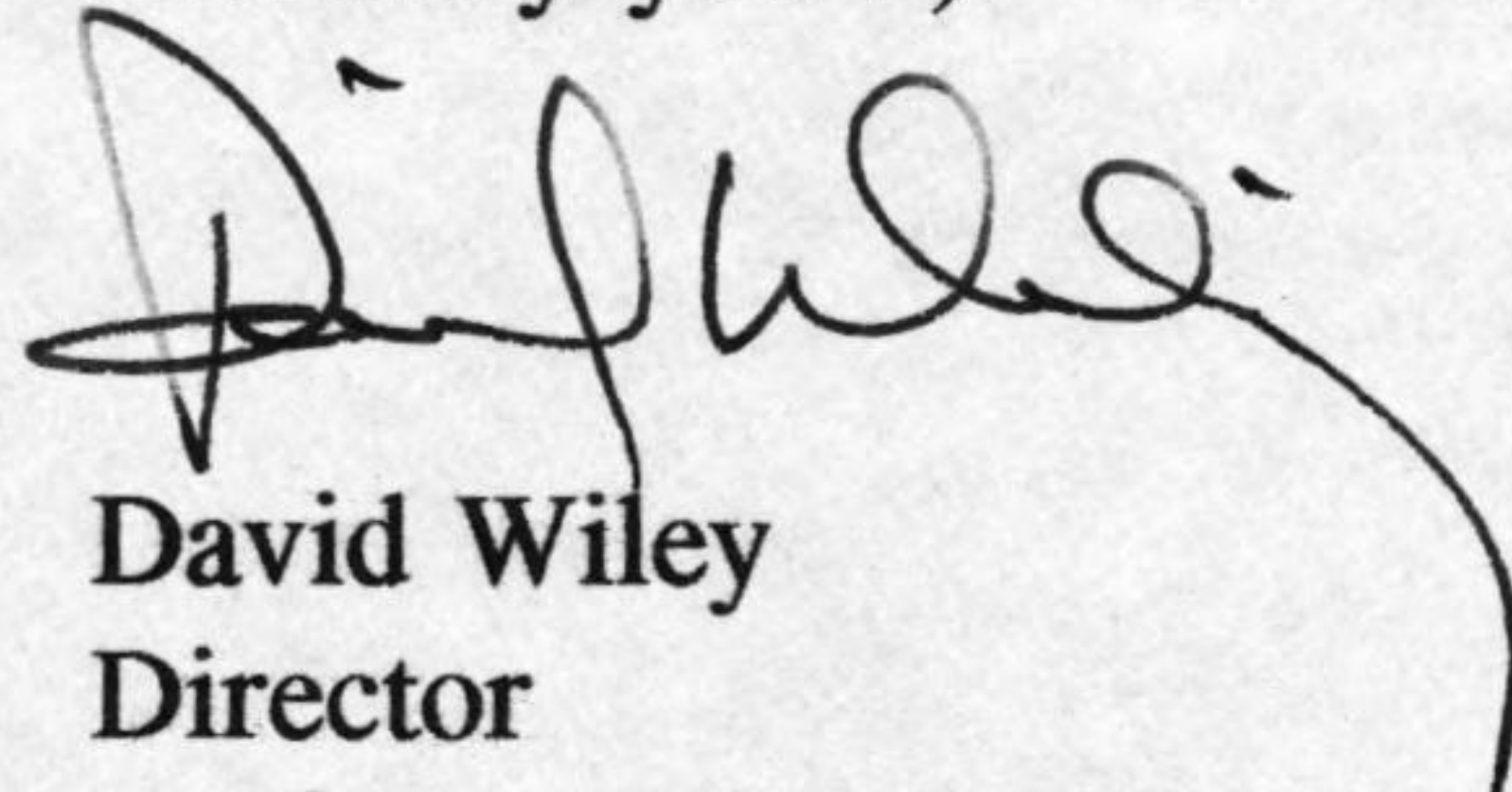
I have been unable to obtain any reply of any kind to my letters and telephone appeals to your office, including to Kingsley Makhubela, Senti Thobejane, and several other persons I have spoken to in your New York Office.

Is there any way you can help to have this matter addressed so that we can move on to other constructive issues in our cooperation? I fear I am hamstrung here, and even may lose my position, if this is not taken care of. It has become a "cause" of some here in this university who are not supporters of the ANC or me.

I urgently need your help to have the ANC cover these costs which you guaranteed at the time we agree to advance the funds to go over budget. We acted in good faith and are puzzled at why we have not heard from you.

All best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


David Wiley
Director
Professor of Sociology

Enclosures

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January 15, 1992

Ms. Lindiwe Mabuza
U.S. Representative of the African National
Congress of South Africa
705 Eighth Street - Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20003

U R G E N T

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Dear Representative Mabuza:

I write you on an urgent matter for which I request your immediate attention.

I write personally as a supporter and donor to the ANC for 30 years, from the first major U.S. university to divest of stockholdings of U.S. companies in South Africa, as the principal academic proponent of the three Michigan sanctions/divestiture bills, and from the only African Studies Center nationally to develop a formal policy of supporting the academic and cultural boycott of South Africa. My continuing support of the ANC, of my friends in the ANC, and of progressive change in South Africa remains unquestioned.

In 1990, through this Center, I raised \$62,000 in support of a conference we organized at the specific request of the ANC, entitled, "Our Education in Building a Democratic and Non-Racial South Africa." On August 10-13, 1990, the conference convened 400 South African students and youth in the U.S., most designated by the ANC, to discuss and learn together how to better utilize their higher education in preparing for the opportunities and complexities of post-apartheid South Africa. In addition, our Center donated approximately \$30,000 of in kind services and labor costs for the planning and organization of the conference. The conference was a resounding success, by everyone's testimony.

In the last days before the conference, Ms. Lindol Mofole, the Conference Organizer, made a special request to me to exceed the conference budget in order to pay for last-minute air tickets and conference expenses the ANC wanted to be purchased for additional students wanting to attend, especially from California. Approximately 100 attended more than the expected and budgeted estimate of 300. I explained that I supported bringing the extra students but this would exceed our budget and that I knew of no source to cover those costs. She then obtained the commitment from the Representative of the ANC to the UN, Mr. Tebogo Mofole, to guarantee these extra costs. That bill of \$21,000 remains unpaid now more than one year later.

I have written to Mofole (see enclosed letter), phoned the New York office many times pleading for assistance, and briefed Kingsley Makhubela and Senti Thobejane on the problem (which Thobejane understands). In June and October, I spoke to Lindol by phone in New York and in Johannesburg, who told me that there is no problem, that the money is in the account in the USA, that the problem is that Mofole is too busy to process the papers, and, twice, that the funds will be forthcoming. However, excepting Lindol, I have received no

reply of any kind from the New York Office to any letter or phone call on the matter. All along, I have consistently believed the good intentions of ANC and its representatives, have used my authority to delay university action on the bill. I continue to have confidence that, with your help, we can put this matter behind us to move on to the more pressing issues in South Africa, where we hope to have some role alongside the ANC there.

Because the bill has not been paid, the African Studies Center's entire university funds account has been frozen since September, and I can pay no visiting African scholar, purchase no postage or typewriter ribbon for the entire year, nor buy a single air ticket for either African scholars or our 130 MSU Africanist faculty. In our university administration, those who are not friends of the ANC want the bill turned over to lawyer collectors. Now, the opponents here are saying that this proves that you cannot trust the ANC and that this irresponsible "activist director Wiley" with his personal and political ties to the ANC has gone too far. One Africanist faculty member here believes this issue may be used as a way to remove me from the Center Directorship by those who oppose my pro-liberationist work among Africanists in Michigan and nationally. As you can perceive, the credibility of the ANC and my own credibility as an activist director of the largest African studies faculty in the nation is being attacked because of the inability or unwillingness of the ANC New York Office to meet the commitment.

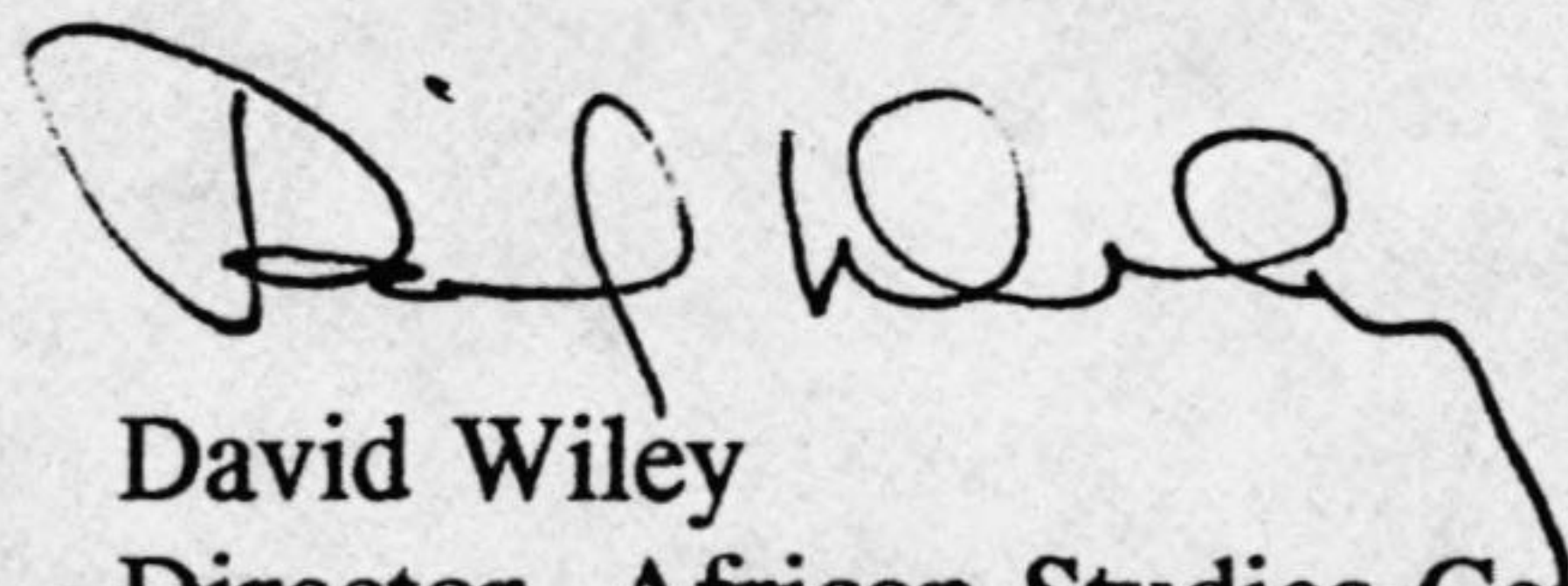
The university froze our budget in September as a first step. Now, the university authorities are demanding immediate action to solve the problem - to either release staff or other drastic measures to cover the bill. Now, they have begun reprimanding me publicly on the matter.

I appeal for your immediate help in clearing away this matter with a payment within a matter of days as a means of protecting the good reputation of the ANC, my own reputation and position, and the job of one of our secretaries, who may be released to help cover the bill.

I would appreciate your telephoning me either at this office or at home (517-332-0333) at anytime of the day or night.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. We look forward to greeting you here in Michigan and to consulting with you about our entry into South Africa now that the ANC have ended the academic boycott.

Sincerely yours,



David Wiley
Director, African Studies Center
Professor of Sociology
Co-Chairperson, Association of Concerned African Scholars

c Mr. Tebogo Mofole, ANC Representative to the United Nations
Ms. Lindol Mofole, ANC, Johannesburg

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May 1, 1991

Ms. Lindol Mofole
African National Congress
801 Second Avenue
Suite 605
New York, New York 10017

Dear Lindol,

I hope you have been well in all your travels, and that there is great hope in the future beyond all the present problems and deaths among the people. We watch each development with hope and anxiety these days about how South Africa shall be governed in the years ahead.

In the near future, I need to speak with you about the possibilities of MSU beginning to explore linkages with South African universities. I really need your guidance and counsel.

I write now about a more urgent matter. I am leaving for Kenya, Uganda, and Zimbabwe on Friday, May 3, returning on May 19. In the meantime, the MSU authorities are really pressing me very hard about the unpaid balance of the conference expenses that ANC guaranteed. We have balanced all the books, paid all the students (to my knowledge), and settled all accounts, leaving the unpaid amount of \$21,000 (see attached invoice). The MSU accountants have been pressing me for months on the bill, but I have asked them to be patient. Now, they are threatening us with various dire consequences if we do not pay, and they have made their absolute deadline of June 30, the end of the fiscal year. Unfortunately, I have no further accounts (or good will with administrators) on which I can draw any more of the balance. You will remember that most of these costs resulted from the last minute air tickets that were supported.

Is there any way you can help us to dislodge the payment? If you have any immediate word, please phone my budget officer, Joanne Peterson, who has handled all of the account with diligence and commitment.

I shall seek to phone you when I return at the end of May about our possible exploration trip to RSA in August or September.

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Most sincerely,

David Wiley

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June 16, 1991

U R G E N T

Mr. Tebogo Mafole
Chief Representative of the African National Congress
to the United Nations
African National Congress
801 Second Avenue
Suite 605
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Mafole,

I write with some urgency about the \$21,000 bill remaining from last summer's conference. Before she left for South Africa, I spoke with Lindol, and she said you would be able to authorize the reimbursement as soon as you returned. The university authorities here are very angry at me for not having paid the bill. They now have deducted the total from this Center's budget starting July 1, which means we must release a secretary and dip deeply into our program budget starting July 1 (1991). Our entire Center university budget for program, lecturers, conferences, printing and telephone is only \$9,000, so we are truly in a box.

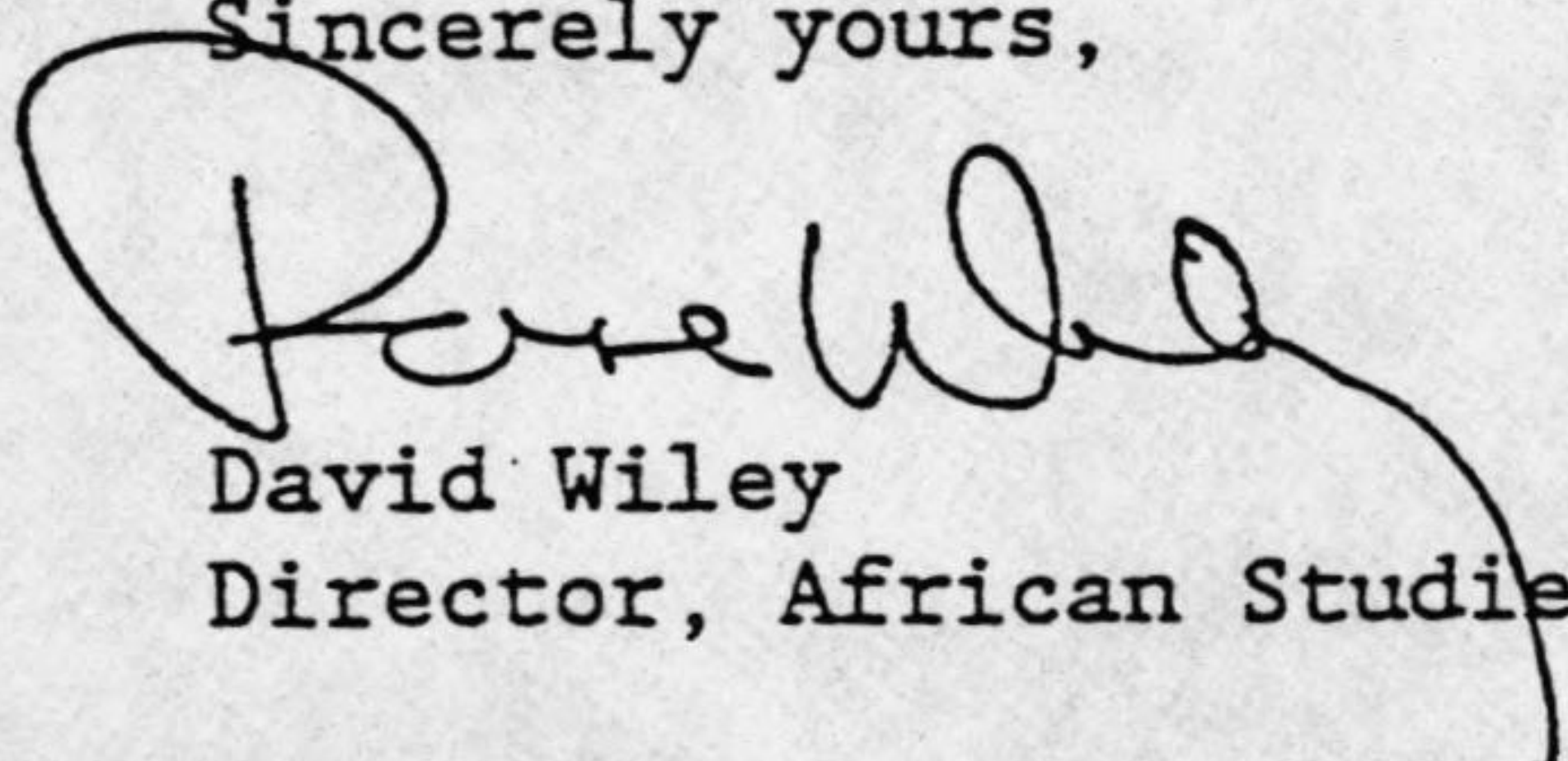
Most of this additional bill resulted from the decision by Lindol and those running the conference to pay for last minute requests for air tickets, especially from California. We knew we did not have budget to cover those costs, but Lindol assured us that you had concurred with taking it from the budget of the ANC Mission.

We estimate that this Center invested about \$27,000 of labor and in-kind services in the conference last summer in addition to the \$3,000 paid directly from our program budget, and the university has indicated that they have no additional funding to provide for these costs.

I am very sorry to have to raise this matter with you, but I am in serious trouble unless I have your support.

I am sorry we have not had the opportunity to visit since the Conference last summer here at MSU. As I mentioned to Lindol last month, we may be planning a visit to South Africa to investigate whether MSU should seek a linkage relationship with a university there, about which there is much controversy here on campus because of the conflicting responses we are receiving from the ANC. So I hope we can have a telephone conversation on this matter soon.

Sincerely yours,



David Wiley
Director, African Studies Center



January 16, 1992

Accounting of revenues and expenditures for Conference of South African Youth and Students in the United States (August 1990).

A. Budgeted expenditures incurred:

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| Audiovisual, Instructional Media equipment & services | \$ 1,237.73 |
| Participant/speaker travel | 25,984.02 |
| Lodging and Meals (Kellogg Center/Holmes Hall) | 28,772.03 |
| Supplies and materials | 2,466.99 |
| Printing/Printing Supplies | 537.89 |
| Childcare expenses | 493.46 |
| Reception/refreshments | <u>2,738.35</u> |
| Total expenditures | \$ 62,230.47 |

B. Expenditures for extra 100 students

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| Extra food and lodging | \$ 11,500.00 |
| Extra air tickets | <u>9,500.00</u> |
| Total extra expenditures | \$ 21,000.00 |

C. Funds received:

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| Kellogg Foundation | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Fund for a Free So. Africa | 7,200.00 |
| African Studies Center/MSU | 3,000.00 |
| South Africa Education Trust Fund | <u>1,950.00</u> |
| | \$ 62,150.00 |

D. Estimated in-kind contribution of African Studies Center \$ 30,000.00

E. Invoice to ANC for additional expenditure: "Costs of extra added students - approximately 100" \$ 21,000.00

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INVOICE

Invoice to African National Congress for "Costs of extra students - approximately 100" who attended the Conference of South African Youth and Students in the United States held at Michigan State University, August 9-14, 1990:

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| Extra food and lodging | \$ 11,500 |
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| Extra air tickets | 9,500 |
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| <u>AMOUNT DUE</u> | <u>\$ 21,000</u> |
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