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March 13, 1991

Tebogo Mafole

Chief Representative to the United Nations

African National Congress

801 Second Avenue, Room 405

New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Mafole,

I am writing as a follow up to my telephone call to you to invite you to address the Ad Hoc Committee on Apartheid of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council on Tuesday, April 23, 1991. Our meeting will be .held at our' office at 443 Park Avenue South, 11th Floor (corner 30th street) beginning at 10:00 a.m..

If you are able to join us, we would like to address

the group at 12:00 noon. We can adjust the time of your remarks if it is necessary to accommodate your schedule.

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Since some of the leaders in the Jewish community most concerhed with this issue have already met with you on several prlor occasions, I believe that it would be most fitting for no to continue our dialogue and expand it to the subject in questlon. Your Close proximity to our office is most fortunate, particularly due to the limitations on our travel budget. The meeting will begin with an update by Steve Davis of IRRC, and author of "Apartheid's Rebels", followed by some dlscu53lon. Thereafter we hope to hear from you and Ambassador Harry Schwartz, although we have not yet invited him. As you might expect, there are many in our community who would be interested in hearing from him. I hope to hear from you as soon as possible, so that I can confirm the arrangements for the meeting. Please would you call me at your earliest convenience. Sincerely,

iana Aviv Associate Executive Vice Chair

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January 25, 1991
Hon. Tebogo Mafole
Chief Representative
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Observer to the United Nations
801 Second Avenue, Suite 605
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Dear Hon. Mafole:
I have not yet had the opportunity to formally wish you
greetings in the new year. It seems that our attention
for the last few weeks has been focussed entirely on the
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events in the Middle East.

Many of our member agencies were disturbed by the report in the January 22, 1991 copy of the Jewish Telegraphig Agency regarding the respOnse by semthEE_3upportere or members to the current Middle East conflict. In particular I was interested in your comments on the rally reported in the attached article and on Winnie Mandela's comments on the suffering of the Palestinian people.

I would like the opportunity to discuss this issue with you and clarify to Our members the actual positiOn of the ANC vis-a-vis the Persian Gulf war and the position of Israel with respect to this war.

As always, my very best Wishes to you.

Sincerely,

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IMMIGRANTS CONTINUE ARIIVXNG
1N ISRAEL DESPITE WAR DANGERS
By Cher!" Holtmen
JERUSALEM, he. 2: (JTA) -- More than
3.000 immigrants, the vast majority of them from
the Soviet Untan. urived in Israel during the
first five dnytpf the war with Iraq.
Specie! El Al flight: kept bringing in Soviet
Jews from the, transit mtione in Eastern Eumpe
-- Budapest, Warsaw and Bucharest -- even during
the two nights when Iraqi mluitee hit Tel Aviv.
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by Why of Rome, el30 utived during this time.
In 1 specizl consultation heid shortly after
hoatilitiee in the Persian Gulf began, Prime Minis-
ter Yitzhek Shamir and Jewish Agency Chairman
Simeha Dinitz decided It would be preferable not
to halt immigrant flights, despite the emergency
(oozing in Israel.
One reason for not stopping the immigrant
airlift from Eastern Euwpe it, paradoxically,
security. It is believed that the immigrants are
safer in Israel that: if they stayed for days or
weeks in the transit centers. During the past
year. Arab tenor group: have threatened to
strike at the transit Operation.
During the tint three weeks of January.
:haut 10,009 immigrant: arrived. Absorption offl-
eiats In Jerusalem believe that the total ta: this
month will be considerably lower than the record
35,000 immigrants who urived In December.
Abserptiott Minister Yitzhak Peretz said
concerns about the war in the Middle East have
led some Soviet immignatt to postpone their
departure. He added that recent cuts in the
absorption grant given nechmere duties their
Hm year have prompted ether: to reconsider.
Israel TcIeVItion interviewed some of the
undaunted Soviet immigrants who arrived on
Sunday. Soon after they deptnned end eterted the
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Ben-Gurion Alrpon. the immigrants were given
set mules. Rustien-tpeeklng soldiers gave them
instructions on their use.
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attack on lune! when we were still in the Soviet
Union," said In eldetly men. his chest cavered
with SOVIet medals and decorations.
"But you know whet the government there
tays: Israel should not reteliue. What they don't
tetl peepte is thnt Russia told Iraq the missiles!"
Said I young woman: "Of course we heard about the missiles, end we are somewhat afraid
But I still went to live In Tel Aviv. It's important
foe me te tive in e his city."
Another woman, who wee recorded while she
spoke on the phone to relatives thortly ertet her
tmlvel, said: wet. everything it alright. We have
been given our set nuke. It's good to be here."
An Absorption Ministry official at the lit-
t port said the new immunnu ere IO preoccupied
with getting settled that they do not hue much
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By Cetnlyi Raphaely h
JOHANNESBURG. Jan. 21 (JTA) -- Pm- and
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rany_"'Su'h'a'ay in e sports stadium in Azhl'dn'e. near
Cape Towh. The district is heme to the majmity
of South Aftinl 750.000 Mottems.
About 5,000 members of the African National
Congress Celebrating the organization's 79th
birthday It I rally at Soweto'e Iabulanl stadium,
carried posters with messages such n "We Love
You, Saddam."
Sally Sacks. chairman of the South African
Zionist Fedcntlen. teid, '"Artti-Isnel. anti-Jewlsh
sentiments are nothing new, but they're being
expressed more vociferousty It the moment."
Security was increased at synagogues all
over the Country Ifter about 150 peoptc were
erretted et e demonstretlon outside the (.13.
Mission in Cape Town last week.
An eII-nisht vigil Sunday night outside the
Oxford Synagogue in Johannesburg was well
attended. It was organized by the Scuth Afrieen
Union 01' Jewish Students to exptett solidarity
with rtnel.
The gathering was addressed by prominent
local Jews including Seeks: South Africa's embet-
ndot-detignne to the United States. Hurry
Schwartz; and Rabbi Cyril Harrie, chief rabbi of
the Union of Orthodox Synagogues.
Seeks ecknowledaed that Jewish community
leaders have made tto direct ettempte to meet
with local Mostem leaders. "We'te not sure it
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Modem reactions to event: in the Gulf."
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lem: here without external events serving to drive
further wedge: between local arcupingt. TM:
seems to be yet another bump along the fold to I
new South Africa."
Ibrahim Kharuny. managing direcwt of the
JOhSnntSburl-bncd lenmie Bank. has werned that
uexisting strong enti-Jewish sentiments la the
local Moslem community ere escalating end gain-
ing momentum countrywide."
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