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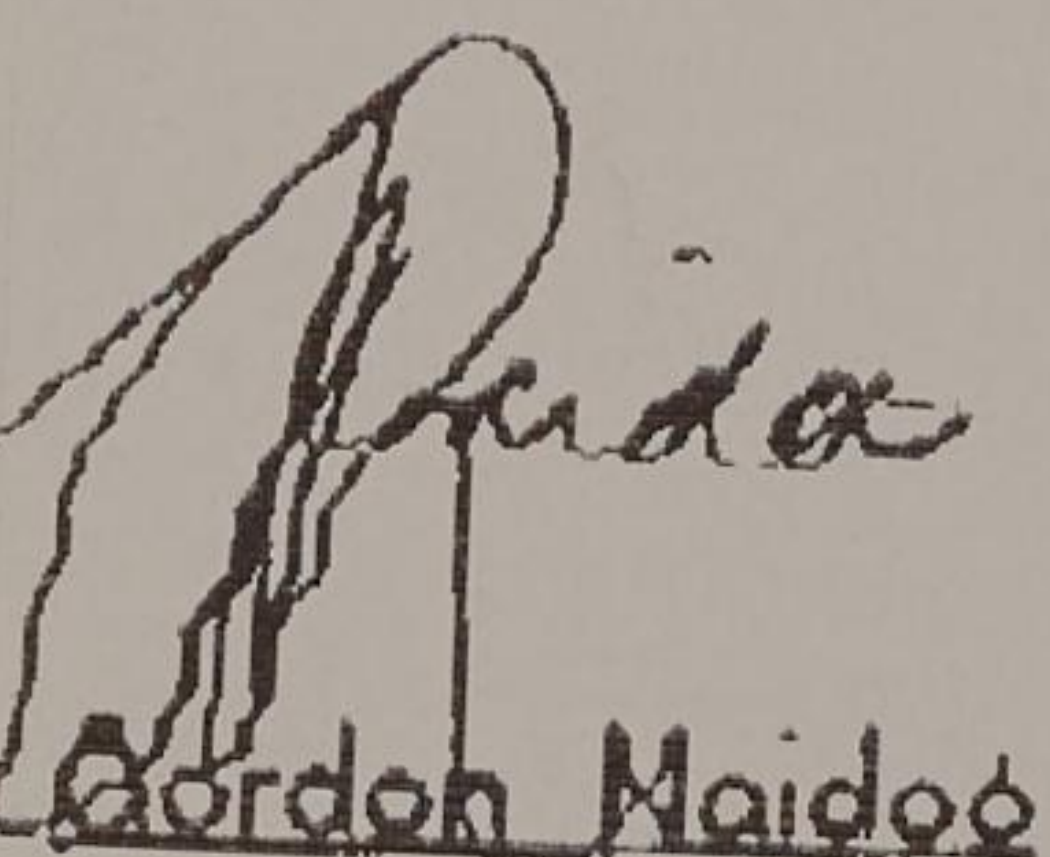
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Further to our enquiries at the SABC regarding availability of production studio facilities for our audio English language programmes, (EME SC minutes 13 Sept '93) we now require to concretize arrangements for studio facilities if we are to hold good our commitment to project schools throughout the country. This entails the large scale daily production of our English language programmes presently used by some 18,000 pupils in schools nationally. SABC management have communicated the availability of production facilities in keeping with our requirements, as well as their willingness to discuss the terms for our hiring the necessary studio space.

OLSET intends pursuing this possibility further, particularly in the absence of viable alternative options. We are also mindful of the necessity of negotiating as reasonable a rate as possible. However, as an EME steering committee member, we are loath to enter an agreement that is likely to have the effect of undermining our joint bid for (free) studio facilities at the SABC for wider educational purposes. Our needs being essentially different to those seeking address through the EME request for SABC training and broadcast facilities, it remains inevitable however, that we shall have to pursue alternative arrangements in any event. OLSET does not require broadcast facilities, rather audio production studios for what are curriculum related, formal education programmes. It is also our intention to continue producing these autonomously with our existing full time production team. We remain averse to any collaborative effort with the SABC education unit as it is presently constituted.

This communique serves to share with the EME steering committee members our current thinking and pressing commitment to our constituency. Should you have any concerns or suggestions that you consider we ought to cognisance of or that might be helpful in our negotiations, kindly communicate these by fax/phone not later than Tuesday 11 January, as time is of essence.

Best regards



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