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Dear Mr Funde

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 1988 in which you indicated that the African National Congress welcomed my planned visit to Africa next February. You also conveyed a suggestion from the ANC leadership that I might consider including Zambia in my itinerary and indicated that the ANC would welcome an opportunity to exchange views should I be able to do so.

In fact, I am now proposing to visit Zambia and would very much welcome an opportunity to meet with your leadership when I am in Lusaka. I suggest that you and my Department might stay in touch over the next few weeks to exchange information on arrangements, the details of which, I suggest, would best be put in train through contact between our High Commission in Lusaka and your Headquarters.

Yours sincerely

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BRIEFING NOTES.

VISIT TO THE ANC OF THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HON. GARETH EVANS QC MP.

Following instructions from the SG Cde. A Nzo, I wrote a letter to Mr Gareth Evans requesting him to include Lusaka in the itinerary of his visit to Southern Africa. I was pleased to receive a positive response from him. A meeting is therefore set to take place between the Foreign Minister and a delegation of the ANC leadership.

Below is an outline of the relationship that exist between the ANC and the Australian government and its aid agency AIDAB. Also some recommendations on how to further this relationship.

STATUS OUR MISSION IN AUSTRALIA.

We do not enjoy any diplomatic status here. However, the Australian government is open to suggestions to the government concerning the situation in South Africa and how to improve our relations and their involvement in the resolution of the problem of apartheid.

Besides the regular contact that I maintain with the Southern African Desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs now headed by Mr Michael Potts, who will accompany the Foreign Minister on this visit, we have had the following with the Australian government:

September, 1984.

Cde. Getrude Shope attended the Australian Labour Party Conference. At the Conference cde. Shope handed over to the PM a note from from cde. President OR Tambo.

August, 1985.

A meeting between the late cde. JMMakatini with Mr Greth Evans who was tjen acting for the Foreign Minister who was away. Cde. Makatini raised the question of intesified sanctions and requested humanitarian assistance.

August, 1986.

A meeting wbetween myself and the Australin ANC Support Committee and the Prime Minister Mr Bob Hawke and the deputy Prime Minister Hon. Lionel Bowen. Mr Bowen has just return from Lusaka where he had a meeting with an ANC delegation led by cde. SG. The meeting with the PM took place at the Airport as he was on his way to the Special Session of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London in August 1986. This meeting was held at the request of the Australian ANC Support Committee. The decisisions included:

- Steps that Australia is likely to take in view of the failure of the EPG to achieve its objectives in South Africa.
- A briefing to the PM on our work in Australia and on the need fpr humanitarian support for victims and opponents of Apartheid.
- Two written submissions to the government on:
 - a Humanitarian support
 - b A Scholarship Programme for ANC nominated students administerial by the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau. (AIDAB), the Government Aid Agency.

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These were received by the Prime Minister. It is worth noting here that on his return from the CHOGM meeting, a decision was taken to initiate a humanitarian assistance programme funded by the government through AIDAB called the Special Assistance Programme for South African and Namibia.

Also a decision was made that a scholarship programme be initiated where the students would be nominated by the ANC, SWAPO and for some unknown reason the PAC as well.

The Scholarship Programme is now in operation.

March - april, 1987.

The Foreign Minister invited cde. President OR Tambo under Special Visitors Programme for prominent opponets of apartheid. During this cde. OR met the Prime Minister and later the Foreign Minister. He also met the departmental heads at Foreign Affairs who deal with issues related to Southern Africa.

- The Prime Minister raised the issue of stopping financial loans to South Africa as a way of furthering economic sanctions. Australia is now leading the discussions in the Commonwealth in this issue.
- A project proposal on training in administration and information was presented to the Foreign Minister.
- A group of parliamentarians belonging to both sides of the house called the Australian Parliamentarians Against Apartheid hosted a luncheon for cde. President.

He also met the President of the Senate Hon. Kerry Sibraa.

February, 1988.

A meeting was held during the meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers between representatives of various ANC departments and officials of AIDAB.

In addition to these meetings, several members of the ANC invited by our Support Committee have also met official of the Foreign Affairs department and AIDAB.

Relations with the ruling Australian Labour Party.

The mission maintains good contact with the ALP. We have attended all the ALP conferences and were able to lobby for a resolution in support of the ANC. However, we have not succeeded in getting all the resolutions of the ALP on assistance to the ANC implemented by the government. We hope that this meeting will raise the question of implementing these resolutions. The relevant resolutions are:

- e Initiating moves through the Commonwealth Secretariat for financial support for the information offices of the ANC for information and diplomatic work.

- d Negotiations of a scholarship programme with the ANC to enable South African refugee students to study in Australia.

- e Assistance to the educational and humanitarian programmes of the ANC in Tanzania and Zambia including the work of the ANC Women Secretariat.

Relation with the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau.

This is the government aid agency. The policy of AIDAB is formulated by the Foreign Minister and department.

The mission has maintained regular contact with AIDAB mainly over scholarship programme. We have not been able to have a humanitarian programme with AIDAB except through the Tanzanian and Zambian High Commission. The bulk of assistance to the ANC from Australian government has come through NGO's under the Special Assistance Programme for South Africans and Namibians which was initiated in 1986 and announced by the Prime Minister following the CHOGM in London. The following are the categories of Assistance delivered under the SAPPAN:

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1. Scholarships in Australia - nominations for these are done by the liberation movements (ANC, SWAPO AND PAC). Organisations in South Africa can also nominate. They are only offered to post-graduate students.
2. Scholarships in Africa - nominations are as above. Open to all levels of study.
3. Scholarship in South Africa - The Institute of Race Relations, SACC, SACHED are the agencies for these inside the country.
4. Humanitarian assistance - This is delivered through (a) NGO's in Australia (list attached). (b) The diplomatic in South Africa, Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

There are some problems about humanitarian assistance to the ANC and are these:

1. That AIDAB is reluctant to deal directly with ANC even through the High Commissions have dealt with no direct both in Zambia and Tanzania.
2. That the assistance to the ANC must no be delivered to ANC groups as this is seen to be institutional strengthening of the ANC, eg., training of group of ANC administrators. ~~TRAINING~~ Training can only be conducted in the form of individual scholarships.

Recommendations for the meeting with the Australian Foreign and Trade Minister on Relations between Australian government and ANC.

1. In order to further the good relations between the Australian government, people and the ANC and the Foreign Minister should invite the leader of the ANC under its Special Visitors Programme once every two years. This year the Foreign Minister could invite cde. A Nzo so that his visit coincides with the Regional Conference Against Apartheid for a democratic South Africa to be held in Sydney in 26 - 28 August.

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2. The Foreign Minister to be invited to open the conference. Anti-Apartheid Conference to be convened by ANC with the assistance of the Australian ANC Support Committee.
3. The Foreign Minister to meet cdes. SG and TG and other senior ANC people visiting Australia.
4. Consultations be maintained at commonwealth and UN meetings with the Foreign Minister or Prime Minister and the ANC delegation.
5. The chief representative be available for briefing to the Foreign Minister whenever he wishes. The Director of Foreign Affairs of the ANC to regularly brief the Minister through the High Commissioner.

On Humanitarian Assistance.

6. The ADAB maintain consultation with the ANC on humanitarian assistance both outside and inside South Africa. This to be conducted through the High Commission here.
7. The Foreign Minister renew the policy on humanitarian assistance to the South African political refugees so that:
 - a) assistance be delivered to ANC both through NGO's and where requested directly to the ANC through the High Commission.
 - b) group training be permitted as this should be seen as part of preparation for post apartheid South Africa not just as assistance to the ANC. Also as a cost effective way of training.
 - c) the scholarship programme in Australia to include undergraduate students.
Suggestion to include black South Africans amongst those exempted from the overseas visa-charge in order to make the scholarships cost effective.
 - d) find a way of providing assistance to the ANC office through the Commonwealth Secretariat or through the High Commission to the ANC HQ as assistance for its information work. The DIP to present a project annually.

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- e) Provide tax deductability to the Mandela Foundation of Australia and to donations made to ANC information office.
- d) Not to fund projects by NGO's in South Africa which are likely to assist the regime's plans.

On Sanctions and Diplomatic Links.

- 8. Australia to call on Australian companies to stop investing in in South Africa and do sever trade links with South Africa.
- 9. As initial step toward severing diplomatic ties with the illegitimate racist regime, to downgrade them by closing embassy and recalling its ambassador.
- 10 Australia to support total sanctions at Commonwealth and UN.

On the Security of our Office in Australia.

- 11 To provide police protection to the office and stuff residence and the chief rep.

Compliments to the Australian Government for:

- 1. The positive role played at the Commonwealth meetings.
- 2. The assistance rendered through, APNEDA, UNICEF and other NGO's.
- 3. Assistance to the Trade Union Movement at home.
- 4. Scholarship offered to the ANC nominated students.

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