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Dear Comrade Alfred,

As you are no doubt aware, the Scholarship Committee and its Secretariat was established at a special meeting held at SOMAFCO on 11th June 1980. Upon your directive I was appointed to be Chairman of the Scholarship Secretariat. In discussions with Comrade Eddie Funde and again with you subsequently, I expressed certain reservations. I am indeed satisfied that part of the fear regarding the life of the Secretariat was attended to during the last Education Council Meeting.

However, in my letter to Comrade Eddie of 23rd July 1980 and copied to you and Comrade Sindiso, I specifically raised two questions; namely:

- a) That my role as Chairman of the Scholarship Secretariat be spelled out and added in the document to be ratified by you.
- b) That Comrade Hintsa Tshume be officially appointed to act as my Special Assistant on Scholarships.

During the course of the Third Education Council Meeting, I again raised the question of the Chairman and the role he was expected to play and that this be reflected in the document on the Scholarship Committee. It was suggested that a meeting be held between the Chairman of the Council Meeting (Cde Sindiso) and the members of the Scholarship Secretariat at the end of business. However, that meeting was not possible as I had to personally attend to the pressing problem of tickets for delegates. I was later to be informed by Comrade Sindiso that consultations had been held and an understanding reached regarding the appointment of Comrade Hintsa as requested.

As will be noted from the copy of letter dated 20th August 1980 and attached hereto, I was unable to get out to SOMAFCO for the purpose of drawing up a list for the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee. My apology was accompanied by a request that the members of the Scholarship Secretariat should work with Comrade Hintsa in the drawing up of the list as well as the preparation of the requisite dossiers.

When I got to SOMAFCO yesterday in the company of the UNESCO official, I was completely taken aback by the attitude of the members of the Secretariat as is

reflected in the attached copy of minutes of the meeting of 20th August 1980. Firstly, there had never been in my letter a suggestion for a meeting as such. On the contrary, the Comrades had been requested to work out a list and the relevant dossiers. Secondly, the constitutionality or otherwise of the meeting was all the more too baffling to me. The argument failed to take into account the political importance as well as the urgency implicit in the directive to assemble and submit the final list without delay.

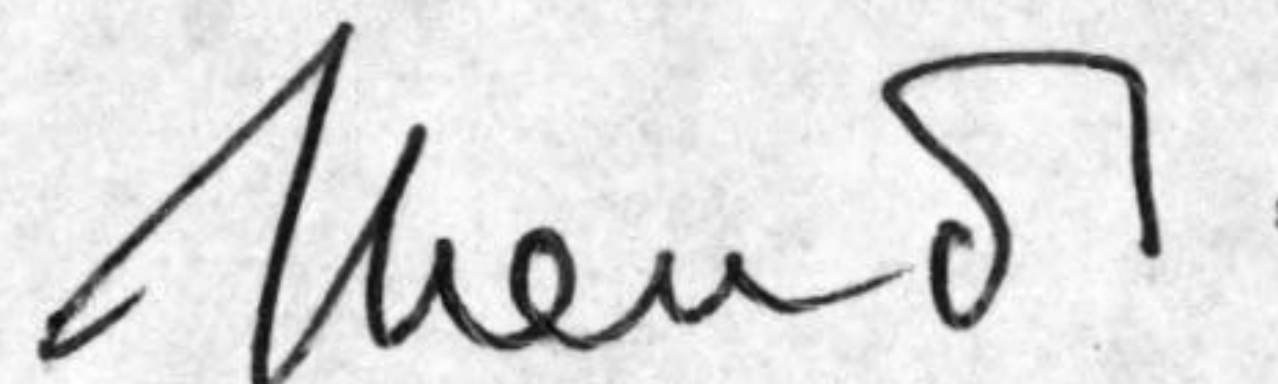
It is this type of petty considerations and bickerings that I have feared all along. My foresight has not been taken seriously and the result is that we shall again fail to take advantage of this splendid offer. More disturbing though, is that children are going to suffer in the process.

I am aware that I should find a political solution to the issue. I agree. But the point here is that obviously there exists a defect. It may plague the smooth functioning of the Secretariat all the time. Political insight by itself may not be enough. Appropriate action is necessary where certain developments are foreseen.

In short, I wish to urge you to ensure that my concerns be given the necessary attention. I find it more rewarding to expend my limited energies in carrying out programmes of the Movement rather than involving myself in futile exercises. It is unreasonable to expect me to spend half my time on the road between here and Morogoro. There is a limit to everything.

In the meanwhile, I am making arrangements to return to SOMAFCO either tomorrow afternoon or Monday morning so that the necessary selections can be made and the applications submitted before month-end.

Amandla - Maatla !!!
In the Year of the Freedom Charter!



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(SCHOLARSHIP SECRETARIAT)

20th August, 1980

Dear Comrade Makho,

1. I am sorry that I could not make it today. I had overlooked a standing appointment with an important UNESCO Representative who has come out all the way from Paris for the purposes of evaluating all the projects of the National Liberation Movements based in East Africa.

I have therefore asked Comrade Hintsa to stand in for me so that the list for the Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee in the Soviet Union can be worked upon as soon as possible. He should be able to remain there until the completion of the relevant dossiers. In this respect, I am enclosing the letter from the Secretary-General on this question.

2. In the meanwhile, The Embassy of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic informs us that the following candidates have been accepted for study at their Secondary Schools; namely :-

- a) Moses TLOOME - Agriculture
- b) Danlee Macki - Engineering
- c) Solomon More - Building Industry
- d) Leornad H. SISOKE - Building Industry.

Applications for university education have all been rejected because of lack of School Leaving Certificates. I suggest that we include them in the Soviet list to be prepared.

3. The GDR Embassy reports that the following candidates have been accepted :-

a) Solidarity Committee :

- Lulu MABENA
- Nomsa WILLIAMS

We have to check on their tickets with effect from today.

b) The Party :

- Tulani MTOLO - Agriculture/Pedagogy
- Everlsty MOKOENA - Railway Operation & Maintenance
- Dannyboy LINGWATI - History/Pedagogy
- Zandisile PASE - Technology of Vegetable and Fruit Production

- Zolile MAQETHUKA - Journalism
- Wilson MPALWENI - Journalism

This group is to travel any day after 1st September, 1980 and will commence the German Language classes on arrival.

- Sipho NTULI - History/Pedagogy

He will travel together with the group whose names immediately appear above. He is to commence studies immediately on arrival at the Karl-Marx University in Leipzig.

We are advised that Peter THOBANE, Boy MNYAKA and Vusi Christopher MBELE could not be considered because of inadequate qualifications. You could also transfer them to the Soviet list.

4. We are happy to advise that the following have successfully gone through their medical examinations in preparation for their trip to Cuba ; namely :-

- Ben Nokwane
- Lawrence Mogale
- Victor Dlamini
- Jennifer Gaboo
- Gerald Gaboo
- Douglas Thube.

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Mendi Msimang
Chairman

Cde Mendi

MEETING OF THE SCHOLARSHIP SECRETARIAT

SOMAFCO

20 August, 1980.

PRESENT: Cdes. William Setunya, Hintsa Tshume, Makho Njobe.

APOLOGIES: Cdes. Mandi Msimang, Karin Pampallis.

A letter from Cde. Mendi was read. It stated that he could not attend the meeting as he had an important appointment with a UNESCO representative from Paris. Therefore he had sent Cde. Hintsa to stand for him.

Cde. Hintsa then explained that he had been sent specifically to help in processing lists of student placements in Cuba and in the USSR.

Cde. Setunya expressed a strong feeling that the meeting was unconstitutional. He explained that according to the constitution of the Scholarship Committee of the A.N.C., the chairman or any other member of the secretariat had no mandate to appoint somebody to stand for him in a meeting of the secretariat.

He maintained that he could not associate himself with any decisions taken by the meeting as constituted, and would not in fact participate in further meetings of the scholarship secretariat unless this and other pending matters on correspondence were clarified.

Cde. Makho: While not doubting Cde. Hintsa's experience in handling scholarship placements, she however supported Cde. Setunya in that the meeting as such was not properly constituted.

It was felt that the meeting be called off and that Cde Hintsa communicates the decision to Cde. Mendi by phone, while Cde. Makho acting for secretary should write a letter to the chairman explaining the outcome of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 19.20 hours.