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Short Note on South Africa Refugee Concern. (SARC)

ex- Towards the Programme Notes, 3rd January, 1978.

For discussion 'ANC.

London 18th Jan '78

Dear Aziz,  
I have come to London  
to sit down and discuss the following  
points with you:

- ①. Breyten: an endorsement by the  
ANC ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> Breyten
  - ②. The Brussels project
  - ③. South Africa Refugee Concern (SARC)
  - ④. The Rotterdam harbour project.  
Could we sit down?
- Yours comradesly

Dennis.

P.S. Please see inside pages for my  
handwritten notes.



For discussion ANC

Sarc has turned out to be a very useful administrative machinery. We would like to see it as a support organisation for the ANC.

Also, with SARC we can corner contacts that may be inclined to go to Salscom type groups.



#### 4. South Africa Refugee Concern.

South African Refugee Concern ~~xxx~~ (SARC) has over the past year and a half developed into a good support machinery. It is the administrative backbone of Okhela activities. It is set up as a foundation in Dutch law allowing for considerable room in dealing or negotiating with the civil authorities, and has a system of banking accounts enabling us to move ~~xxxx~~ around fairly freely. It is set up independantly, and the persons ~~in~~ <sup>and not</sup> involved are supporters ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ directly involved with Okhela. It is also open to doing work in terms of its constitution which are not directly related to Okhela activities. As the problems with the ANC are worked <sup>out</sup> ~~through~~ it could be offered as a machinery for either the ANC or D and A. in dealing with certain problems. Its main asset is the availability of top legal participation. The treasurer of SARC in Amsterdam is a ~~xxxx~~ Dutch lawyer with vast experience in parliamentary work, and sanctions related legal problems, as well as refugee problems. The SARC account holder <sup>in London</sup> is an American lawyer who has similar experience, though not connected in any way with the European scene. He is essentially a carry-over from the "Salscom split" and has been involved mainly in the U.S. scene.

Over the past months Herman v.d. Schaar, who is the treasurer of SARC has developed an acceptability as a neutral gp between for refugees ~~problems~~ when inter liberation ~~xxx~~ movement problems are involved. He is well connected to the UN High Commissioner for refugees in the Hague and has been contacted for advice on a number of occasions by Amnesty on "difficult" cases.

Although SARC has been set up by Okhela, as the treasurer Herman has gone out of his way to protect the "neutrality" of the foundation. This stands us good, although very often he has been responsible in clamping down on ~~xxxxxxx~~ various initiatives on our part to use SARC as an Okhela front. We are unable to use SARC as a fund raising organ for our activities. On the contrary, if we are to foresee the original intention of SARC, i.e. aid to refugees, in particular to military deserters, we will have to put money into SARC. Also, we must expand on its activities if it is to develop a machinery which is to ~~affix~~ afford a sufficient cover for Okhela activities.

At the board level we hold two votes to one. So if worst comes to worst we can always win out. However, in that case we will lose the very valuable