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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Representative, Dar-es-Salaam  
Director, Mazimbu/Dakawa

FROM: Mohammed Tikly/Projects Dept

DATE: 12/8/91

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Following the bombing of the Pretoria School, designated as the Reception Centre/School for SOMAFCO returnees, consultations are continuing with Government officials on alternative facilities.

The ANC/NCCR delegation has recommended the dispersal of students/children soon after processing at a reception centre. The Government insists on sending a joint Task Force, which we feel is unnecessary and unlikely to be agreed upon by the Government of Tanzania, therefore, the establishment of a reception centre and the provision of charters through the aegis of the S.A. Government are unlikely to materialise.

Since it is urgent to bring the children home every effort is being made to find alternative funding for charters and to make reception arrangements.

Consultations are taking place between the OTG, Batlagae Trust, NCCR, Task Force on Mazimbu and Dakawa, Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare on how best to effect the transfer and dispersal of the children/students.

As soon as further information is available, we will communicate with you.

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cc. Regional Projects Co-ordinator, Tanzania  
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Mr John Samuel  
Director  
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Dear John

I met with Stoffel van der Merwe and Bernard Louw on Friday afternoon. I told them that in-so-far as the CPSA was concerned with the Somafco children, the church wanted to be a facilitator and reconciler -- but above all we wanted to get things done, so that we could give our energies to wider problems of education. It ought to be possible to deal with the needs of 700 or so returning refugees with a fair degree of efficiency, if we all put our minds to it. They seemed to agree with me.

Stoffel affirmed that the government had a joint responsibility with the ANC for the care of the children, but the cabinet had decided to place its major responsibility with Rina Venter, as the repatriation was, in the cabinet's view, essentially a welfare matter. He did not, however, dispute the DET's concurrent responsibilities, and he offered to talk to Rina Venter about our problems.

I pointed out the major concessions that had been made by the ANC, following the Hillview bombings. These included the phased return of children to regional centres, the agreement to the government task group visit to Tanzania (subject to Tanzanian government approval, and limitations on the composition of the government contingent, which limitations he did not dispute), and the abandoning of the St Elmo's option as a reception centre for the older students. In return the government officials had agreed to look at Blairgowrie High as a reception and temporary education centre for younger students, and to continue the search for a suitable centre for the older students.

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Mr John Samuel

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On the question of Blairgowrie High, he said that the local MP would need to be consulted, but that the DP would be easier to deal with than the CP. He would consider how this consultation should take place, and talk to Rina Venter about it. He asked me to reconsider the Stilfontein proposition, and I agreed to visit the place next Saturday (when I shall anyway be in the town for a meeting of the diocesan council of the Klerksdorp diocese).

This morning I spoke to Rupert Lorimer about Blairgowrie. He promised to speak to Peter Soale (in whose constituency Blairgowrie High falls) and he also suggested that we look at Greenhills Primary in Bordeaux. He said that there would be no trouble from the DP, who would like to do some trail blazing -- but we might have to deal with the NIMBY syndrome (not in my back yard) from some of the constituents. He knows that it is urgent, and he promises to come back to me quickly.

Returning to Stoffel and the questions of funds, he reiterated that he had no money for expenditure outside the framework of established funding formulas for state-aided schools. He was looking at the questions of subsidies to private bodies willing to run schools (model E?) and the question of the equitable distribution of funding of all education. He was also quite keen to digress on the matter of private schools, but I kept him off that topic. When pressed harder on the funding issue, he agreed that I could write to him asking him to put a request to the cabinet for a special allocation of funds. But in this regard Jooste Hattingh told me this morning that the cabinet's decision on funds is that there will be no allocation until they have been able to consider the report of the government task group to Tanzania (Perhaps Stoffel should read his cabinet minutes.)

On the broad question of adult education, he confessed to having little money and few ideas. He and his successor would be open to suggestions from the church (or anybody else). We could use this as an opportunity to link the Somafo adults to state funding for a much wider adult education program. (We should also be worried about which "anybody else" he is prepared to deal with.)

Bernard Louw was not very clued up on the DET's role with regard to Somafo, but the way was left open for me to continue discussions with him on how to allocate available funds for the Somafo children. But it is clear that the buck will pass between the DET and the DNH, and that Jooste Hattingh is probably the key government player at the moment.

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