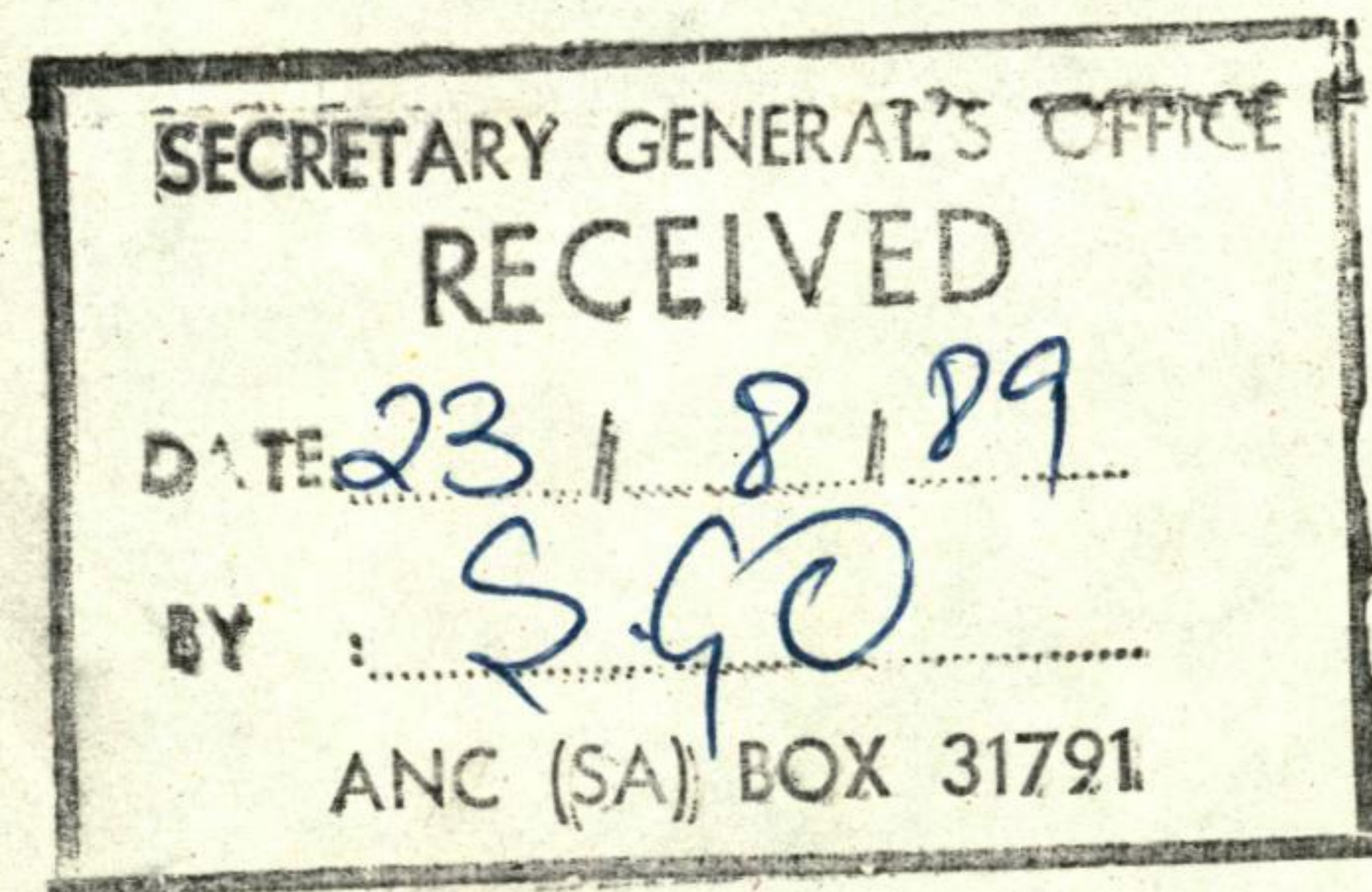




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Dear Comrade Makgothi,

ANTI-APARTHEID SOLIDARITY IN FRANCE.

This is pursuant to your letter of 11th July 1989, and the document attached thereto. I had hoped that Comrade Thabo would attend to the matter, but his hectic schedule has not allowed him to do so. Hence this delayed response, for which I apologise, on a matter whose importance is self-evident.

Firstly, we did not receive a separate copy of the M.A.A. document.

France is a key country in Europe. Therefore concern for the disarray of the anti-apartheid forces in that country is most legitimate. However, the fundamental cause of the disarray is the historically partisan nature of French politics and its fluidity owing to its ability to produce transient alliances and conflicts around high-visibility issues. Apartheid is considered one such issue. The survey makes all these points but again from a thinly disguised partisan point of view. The latter impacts on the recommendations made in the survey. Of most immediate relevance is the one that seeks to make a case for a special relationship between the A.N.C. and M.A.A.

It seems to me to be unacceptable because it would be disruptive for the same reasons given by the survey, for the disruptive nature of the " special relationship " between the A.N.C. and P.C.F.

Consequently we need not to :-

1. reiterate as firmly but gently as possible, that among political forces committed to freedom, democracy peace and progress, the struggle against apartheid should not be used for the furtherance of partisan politics.
2. to reiterate our appreciation of the efforts that all such forces are making to help end apartheid and ,
 - (a). that the effectiveness of such efforts are enhanced by greater co-ordination and,
 - (b). that the A.N.C. is prepared to help achieve such co-ordination among all anti-apartheid forces.

Yours in the Year of Mass Action for People's Power ! ! ! !



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