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Regional Political Committee  
East Africa.  
18th December 1978.

The Administrative Secretary,  
African National Congress,  
P.O. Box 1791,  
Kusaka

Dear Comrade Joe,

MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT MAZIMBU

The RPC would like to draw your attention to the fact that there are no full-time trained medical personnel attending to the health problems of the very large population at Mazimbu.

The consequent inadequate medical care given our people at Mazimbu is resulting in a situation where students are constantly being brought back and forth to Dar es Salaam for treatment at great expense, and the disruption of their activities at Mazimbu.

The RPC discussed this issue at great length and we came up with the following conclusions/suggestions which we have referred to the local Medical Committee:

1. There is a dire need for a full-time, trained medical attendant to be resident at Mazimbu. In this matter we appeal for your assistance in co-ordination with the ANC Medical Committee. Presumably medical staff are being sought to run the planned clinic at Mazimbu. We would like to stress that the need for medical personnel is immediate and urgent and request that someone be sent as soon as possible. We are in the meantime trying to enlist the assistance of Comrade Poppy Opiote, a trained nurse, to help out temporarily at Mazimbu.
2. More use should be made of the medical services of the embassies of friendly countries. Apparently offers of assistance have been made to the office (e.g. by the Cuban Embassy) but have not been taken up. The RPC has suggested to the local Medical Committee that a meeting of all doctors from friendly embassies be convened, at which our medical problems are discussed and ways planned of utilising the assistance of our friends in resolving them.
3. All students who arrive in East Africa should undergo a thorough medical examination, and if necessary, treatment, before being sent on to Mazimbu. This will minimise the 'medical traffic' between Dar and Morogoro. It was thought that doctors from fraternal embassies could usefully assist in giving medical examinations.

We shall keep you informed of any developments towards the resolution of this problem.

Yours in the struggle,

AMANDLA ! MAATLA !

*Linzi Manicom*  
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Secretary, RPC.

cc. Comrade Sendiso Mfenyana, Co-ordinating Secretary, Professional Bodies.



The Secretary,  
RPC  
Tanzania.

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Dear Comrade,

Medical Personnel at Mazimbu : This

matter will be referred to the  
Chairman of the medical Committee  
Comrade Peter Mfelang who is here and  
also the attention of Comrade Sindiro

Mfengane will be drawn to it.  
Meeting with doctors from friendly

Embassies : It would be wrong to convene such  
a meeting. It would only expose our inefficiencies.  
Our Medical Committee should discuss its needs  
and enumerate means and ways in which help  
from socialist embassies could be utilised  
Medical Examination : This should be

done in Tanzania and in any other  
point of arrival of our people.

What has happened to your  
medical personnel in East Africa. It is necessary to  
fully utilise available GNC personnel & expertise.

Amanda Maatig  
For A. M. M.  
Administrative Secretary