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26th April,

Dear Comrade Chris,

We thank you for your recent communication including your report dated 27th March. We appreciate the interesting information contained in these communications. We have also met and had interesting discussions with comrade Nompumelelo on the work of the Freedom Charter Committee of your area.

It is safe to say that opportunities have now vastly increased for an accelerated advance of our confrontation against the forces of racist reaction inside our country. The impact of the actions of Umkhonto We Sizwe and the mass political upheavals on the political scene in South Africa is simply stupendous. This is felt on the international scene as well. This situation has imposed a urgent burden on our movement to advance the current mood of the masses. We therefore agree fully with your view that the current "campaign for the release of political prisoners" should link up with the campaign for the release of political prisoners".

Enoch Duma. In one of his recent reports comrade James informed us that during a recent meeting with the convenor of the Freedom Charter Ad Hoc Committee inside the country, the question of Enoch arose. We have of course, since read your report on your views on the matter. It has been suggested that this matter will be handled by you with the Freedom Charter people inside the country. It might interest you to note that during the Zimbabwe independence celebrations the President and I had occasion to meet with this comrade in Salisbury. We were both not impressed and the President thinks that there is need for further investigation of this comrade. Any further information you may have on him will be of interest.

Gatsha Buthelezi: We are equally worried about what Gatsha does and says to our people in the country. Comrade President has in fact suggested that a statement be prepared which will draw a clear distinction between ourselves and himself because he is fully capitalising on the periodic



contacts with us to throw a whole lot of confusion in the minds of our people. It has been suggested by our Freedom Charter Committee at Headquarters that if you have not yet drawn the Inkatha to participate in the WASA symposium, we had better not proceed with the idea. The symposium might have already taken place in which case our suggestion would be late—we have no information as yet on the symposium. Weddoubt if Kenken will get any far with Gatsha.

Funds: Around the 21st March an amount of K3,000 was sent into the country to meet the WASA symposium preparations. According to comrade Thabo this is likely to have been handed over to Duma. we do not know what had happened. As soon as the Treasurer-General comes back to base we shall request him to meet your financial requests.

Zimbabwe: We are trying everything possible to get closer to the main ruling group in Zimbabwe. The Primeminister has expressed readiness to meet and discuss with our President. It was not possible to conduct any meaningful discussions during the celebrations. Lent Mugabe has invited comrade President to get back to Zimbabwe. We are now working on that.

Some of our people however tend to take negative attitude almost bordering on toatal rejection of the verdict of the elections. This attitude has come to the ears of the closest friends of ZANU-PF and can irreparably harm our relations. We are now calling upon our members to halt this harmful trend.

Gwaza: Any information yet concerning his ultimate fate.

This is a hurried note.

Amandla! Maatla!

ALFRED NZO.  
Secretary-General.