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NOTES ON MEETING WITH NDUGU MZINDAKAYA, REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

15 February 1985

Present: Area Commissioner
Ndugu B Chezi
Ndugu M Tikly

1 60-Acres at Mazimbu

Ndugu Mzindakaya felt that the ANC should agree to "loan" for another year the 60 acres that were cultivated by local cultivators last year, after an appeal by the Area Commissioner. He felt that it was unfair not to have informed local cultivators before ploughing the land for this season.

Cde Chezi and I explained the agreement made with the previous Area Commissioner, Nd Kasege, when Cde Mponzi was the Government Representative, and that Cde Mponzi had especially come to Morogoro to clarify the matter with Nd Kasege.

However, the Regional Commissioner made a plea that the land be left with the cultivators for another year and that he assures us about its return to us at the end of this year.

I said I would give him our response as soon as possible. Coming from the Regional Commissioner, I do not think that we can refuse the request.

2 ANC members (a) staying in Morogoro (b) loitering there

Nd Mzindakaya explained that the Government had agreed to give us 2 areas for settlement because it was mutually felt that it was politically desirable, not to have our people scattered, and, secondly, that permanent settlements would allow us to become self-reliant and help to keep our comrades gainfully occupied.

The Regional Commissioner is very disturbed to find so many still residing in Town. While appreciating that Mazimbu is not as yet able to house them, he maintains that they must be moved to Dakawa.

I explained that some of our comrades residing in Town were bona fide workers at Mazimbu. He said they could remain in Town, but accommodation for them at Mazimbu must be planned for.

On the question of ANC members frequenting Morogoro, the Regional Commissioner expressed astonishment that so many comrades are seen at the soft-drinks kiosk near the Office, as early as 10 o'clock in the morning and many hang around there and other places till late at night. This must cease. Only genuine movement to Town will be tolerated.

Cde Chezi and I explained about the Permit System, which although it is not properly being operated, has reduced movement somewhat. Furthermore, that when the system was discussed at the Prime Minister's Office it was recognised that for movement to be effectively controlled, there has to be tight control by the ANC and checking by the police in Town.

The Regional Commissioner believes that Permits are being misused and asked us to tighten up immediately, particularly the movement of comrades from Dakawa.

I was told that in two to three weeks checks will be made by the Police and those found to be in Town unauthorised will be arrested. He acknowledged that this will be very embarrassing for the ANC.

To reduce movement to Town, the Regional Commissioner suggested that we provide shopping and other facilities at Mazimbu/Dakawa as soon as possible.

3 Extra Telephone Lines

The Regional Commissioner was reminded about our need for extra lines. He said he has informed the Post Office to give us priority when facilities are extended.

4 Masai Cattle

I thanked the Regional Commissioner for his prompt action in writing to the Kilosa Area Commissioner on this matter; Cde Chezi and I had visited Kilosa and steps were being taken to help us remove the Masai families and to stop cattle trespassing over the Development Centre.

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 Cde Mbali, Movements Officer, Mazimbu
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