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9th June, 1992.

Dear Comrades,

Herewith please find the following:

1. Summary of Halagsian Housing projects dated 8/6/92.
2. Letter from Ede. Mandela to Halagsian Prime Minister dated 9233'92.
3. Urgent memorandum re. Malagsian-supported housing projects dated 9/6/92.
4. F ax from Ede. Basil Davidson re. District Six details.

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8 June 1992

MALAYSIAN HOUSING PROJECT
ORIGINAL PROJECT PROPOSAL:

- a) Construction of housing project in District 6.
- b) Purchase / upgrading of apartment block complex in Port Elizabeth.
- 0) Assistance in Richmond Farm informal settlement upgrading.

THE CAPE TOWN PROJECT:

Consultation with community on implementation of District 6 has been very slow and highly politicised and presently there is limited opportunity to apply development funds in the short term. Alternative project in Bath. House has provoked a negative reaction from the community. It has been decided to re-allocate Malaysian funding to Pretoria project.

PORT ELIZABETH

Feasibility study indicates high level of subsidisation by SPOORNET to complex residents and hence low rental. ANC will be unable to recover operations and maintenance costs from the low rental levels expected by that community. Rental increases would most likely provoke hostility from the community. It has been decided to re-allocate Malaysian funding to Pretoria project.

RICHMOND FARM PROJECT

Extensive consultation is ongoing with residents to form Community Development Trust. All indications are that the project is ready to start. Zama is going to Durban on Wednesday to confirm state of affairs.

REVISED PROJECT FRAMEWORK

As expressed in Comrade Madibals letter to the Malaysian Prime Minister and in meetings between Comrades Coovadia and Rajie, ANC has requested re-allocation of Cape Town / Port Elizabeth budgets to purchase of residential accommodation in Pretoria area, available for use by staff/workers of a new government. In our understanding this has been agreed in principle. We are now identifying concrete sites/buildings for purchase in Pretoria.

6. YTL VISIT:

Mr. Francis Dato' arrives with team on 14 June. Itinerary will include meetings in Johannesburg to discuss all details of the above with a view to immediate implementation and site visits to Pretoria and Durban. YTL very interested in a project for Cape Town, but all indications are that this will not be feasible. As such, no visit to Cape Town is planned during their visit.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia
Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad
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50502 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia

Monday, 9 March, 1992.

Dear Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamad,

Your Excellency,

The President's Office of the African National Congress presents its compliments to the office of the Honourable Prime Minister and wishes to express its pleasure on receipt of your letter of 28 January 1992. We further wish to extend our warmest salutations to Your Excellency, The Government and the people of Malaysia.

We note with keen interest, the progress being made by our respective technical representations to effect the implementation of the joint Malaysian Government - ANC housing project, we note that the Syarikat Pembinaan Yeoh Tiong Lay Sdn. Bhd. have been appointed under contract to your Government.

We are aware that this joint project, within its original framework, provided for the following:

- the construction of a housing complex in District Six, Cape Town, aimed at breaking with apartheid planning parameters and providing affordable working-class housing in Cape Town
- the purchase and upgrading of a complex of apartment blocks in Port Elizabeth, identified as an urgent priority, given the large number of exiles expected to return to the region
- assistance in the upgrading of the Richmond Farm informal settlement in Durban, consisting of a revolving-fund scheme to finance the erection of home starter-units in the area.

The People Shall Govern!

Several meetings and workshops have been organised by our Projects and Building & Technical Services units of the Office of the Treasurer-General with the community representatives of the target areas. Various mechanisms for the implementation of the individual projects have been discussed in detail and proposals forwarded to your Government on our behalf through the TL Group.

Our Chief Representative in Malaysia, Comrade Ismael Coovaaia, has participated in some of these planning meetings and has been kept updated on developments, with a view to coordinating further consultation with the relevant authorities in Malaysia. We understand that, should broad consensus be reached on how best to structure our collaboration with the YTL Group in the physical implementation of the projects, this could commence at very short notice.

We, however, wish to place for your consideration certain aspects pertaining to the fast-developing political situation prevailing in South Africa and which should bear on the original concept for the 'cint Malaysia - ANC project.

With the advances being made in the sphere of negotiations and, specifically, at CODESA, the ANC is preparing its structures at national, regional and branch levels for the possibility of an election campaign being run at extremely short notice. This situation would require our organisation to speedily place itself in a position to contest the forthcoming elections. In such an event, the ANC will not be able to tap the considerable resource-base available to its 13' organisations and governments of the progressive international community over the long years of our historic struggle, at a time when these resources would be most needed.

The sen_cr leadership of the ANC views this situation with the greatest concern. Indeed, we have instructed our staff and membership to explore all avenues of fund-raising and income generation for the movement. No effort is being spared to strengthen and increase the capacity of our financial investment structure.

With specific regard to the Malaysia ANC project, we wish to retain the original frame of providing housing for our people. We wish to include within this concept, however, that funds must be generated for the ANC from the individual projects. The ARC has at its disposal an already-existing property investment facility which is owner and manager of various commercial properties, including the headquarters building at 51 Plein Street.

We propose that the budget allocations for the Cape Town/rt Elizabeth projects be transferred to this venture, to be intly managed and controlled by the YTL Group and our technical presentation at the local level. Given that the Richmond Farm oject is revolutionary in its concept to provide affordable

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The finer details of this scheme will be worked out in close consultation with the delegation of Mr. Francis Dato' and the senior members of his staff when they visit South Africa shortly. The National Executive Committee of the ANC and I look forward. to our further' co-operation and continued fraternal relations between our two countries and extend our best wishes to your Excellency and the people of Malaysia. Please accept, Your Excellency, the fraternal assurances of our highest esteem.

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URGENT MEMORANDUM

9TH JUNE, 1992.

RE. Halagsian-sunported housing projects.

Herewith notes on the process for implementation of housing projects in w. tape.

1. When we first went with the Malaysians to Cape Town on the 26/5/91 we were met at the airport by a delegation from the w.Cape office led by Ede. Trevor Manual.

2. At 10.00 am. on 27/5/91 the Malaysians were officially welcomed at the wtape Regional of 1' ice. Amongst senior members present at this ceremony were Cdes. Christmas Tinto, Reg September, Johnny Issel, Hilda Ndube and Trevor Manual. We explained our mission to the w. Cape leadership.

3. At a previous meeting held in December, 1990 at the house of Cde. Trevor Manual, I was explained that the following 4 comrades had been assigned to deal with development: Trevor Manual, Basil Davidson, Johnny Issel and Bulelane Ngcuka. They were to facilitate the setting of a w. Cape Regional Development Forum (RDF). This never materialized.

4. For the Malaysian Projects Basil Davidson, member of the w. Cape REC, was identified by HE! due to his expertise in this field. He still co-ordinates the project. (Attached please find letter dated 4/6/91 from him. It is wrongly dated since we received it only 5/6/92 after asking him at the The People Shall Govern!

Policy Conference to give us an up-date on the state of affairs for project implementation). It is assumed, rightlg or wrongly, that Cde. Basil Davidson would report to the REC w. Cape on this project.

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Projects Department.

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MEMO:

To: Shaheed Rajle

From: Basil Davidson

Date: 3 June 1991

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In response to your enquiry as to the prospects for

applying Malaysian funds in District 6 in the short term, I am

attaching an extract from the current report from the District 6

negotiations which indicate the current stage of negotiations.

In summary there is a broad agreement (yet to be officially

ratified by any of the parties) that three vehicles be

established to facilitate development of the area...

1. a land holding vehicle

2. a development vehicle

3. a body to undertake essential development

Currently the organisation is discussing possible options for

representation on the above three structures.

As can be seen, the process is slow and highly politicised. Even

the sensitivity of both the region and the process of negotiations

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seem to be. very limited opportunity to apply development funds

in the short term. In the longer term, there would be a

possibility of making available to the proposed

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Should any further information be required please contact me.

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