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ANC of SA
attn Cde Spencer,

I hereby submit to you the latest copies of the minutes of the Viana Project Committee. Phase I is now almost completed and all buildings except dining hall/kitchen and 50 % of semi-detached house are given for the use of the ANC. Site water is installed but not yet tested. Same applies the site electricity. Health and storing courses are about to begin. HCSA will also soon send an expatriot for mechanical workshop and training with machinery and tools for the garage. Socialist solidarity from Belgium will apply funds from the EEC for the equipment for the clinic. They have invited the Fisol to tender and plan for it. Mekki has initiated it and I visited Brussels.

Angolan company ENCEL has offered HT-line and building. Fisol has an offer for transformers and will get one more from the GDR. Most seemingly we can proceed with the Angolans late this year. Permissions are now there and the FAPLA post nearby will also benefit from the HT-line (which in fact has been one of the reasons that the Angolans are finally moving).

Markku has in co-operation with the UNHCR architect studied actively water supply. Tomorrow we shall get water sample to be investigated here. Water is from Kwanza river. Two alternatives exist; 27 km line from the pumping station at the river or 5 km from the reservoir (Angolan farms which Agricultural ministry was not in favour). If we add 5 km also SWAPO would benefit. Markku and our water engineer are now drafting a proposal based on a pump to the station at the river, 32 km line, purification plant and related works. Preliminary budget is around 300 000 USD including a tractor with a digger, 3 inch PVC-pipes etc.

Learnt from Markku that Malanje is not proceeding and that the ANC (and SWAPO) are getting a farm close to Viana. That needs irrigation. Our proposal is to the ANC that you apply from the UNHCR for 1987 furniture/equipment for Viana II plus water supply. Fisol is prepared again to lobby Finnish money for the UNHCR earmarked for Viana if needed. Please try to study what the Angolan ANC is submitting and if possible advise Mokeba to include main water supply into it. Markku is prepared to draft a project description with our engineer soon after test results from Finland. So we are planning it and you are not making an error if you estimate that the Fisol is prepared to implement the job. Precondition naturally for the whole business is the Angolan authorisation. This should be possible because they would benefit from the pipe too.

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To inform you we are at the moment awaiting a positive reply from FINNIDA to assist Angola in emergency products via Fisol in a value of 800 000 USD. Angola has invited us to implement the assistance. So we keeping the policy of trying to assist also the host country of the freedom fighters. Lets see how our social democratic comrades in the FINNIDA will react. All this results of the Angolan delegation which visited Finland in May and was hosted by A Com and Fisol.

Construction for Phase II has started but according to the latest news stopped by the ANC labour with excuse that the foundation fillings should not be made before the engineer arrives. Markku will clarify this immediately when he arrives to the site on the 27th/08. All materials for the foundations are now there. Makrotalo prefabs left for Rostock on 25th/07. That was due to the terms in the contract and with reference to our UNHCR agreement. I hope that the ANC has revised the timetable with the UNHCR by a half year as I suggested early this summer. So we are now a little bit already late but hope by increasing our staff and with better tools and experience we can do the job in 10-12 months.

To conclude my requests; water submission to the UNHCR and not to forget the already made furniture/equipment for cold stores submission for the 1987.

We will get two very good men; one engineer and one carpenter with excellent working qualities which I hope will improve the situation at the site.

Try to still find out in Berlin what really is the problem and how it could be solved because in March according to my understanding all was agreed. According to Marjut they were even questioning in May the rubber boots, gloves etc. and with no mentioning of the cement (in March they promised 2000 bags). Total withdrawal would be a political and practical serious setback.

Markku will submit to Hoffmann Fisol message that from our side we are prepared to continue the co-operation and even to increase it. For publicity or for agreements we can find ways if we just can sit together. It would be very important for us now to know what exactly is their position. The FDJ-brigade would be as you can imagine a very important one. GDR involvement could also increase the working morale of the ANC labour. You should also explain that the UNHCR/ANC/Fisol could not mention the GDR role because that role was not even specified during the time the agreement was signed and that was also the case with the Phase I. My opinion is that the confusion is due to people who are not completely aware of the business but are eager to decide upon it.

Next time we ~~need~~ I need an account number which could be used when the time comes. So prepare it on private bilateral basis in order to finally benefit also the struggle.

We are facing difficulties but hope we can overcome them as also earlier. All good to you and for the work.

PS. Was glad to hear from Slovos nomination

Regards,

