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we would like to stress the. importance of the work of the

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country in Which the solidarity movemunt is based. Is there;
beyond that important;work, something that could be called the

inalure of solidarity? Does the struggle in South Africa influence 1

the people in the countries where solidarity work takes place andw
could there also be an influence the other way round, i.e.
solidarity work influencing the struggle?

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35 Do you think the ANC's struggle has influenced our (western) societies in our work as political activists in these societies?

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4. What do you expect from us, the solidarity movements, in the coming period?

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5. How are you? Is your health improving? Have you been making plans for the near future?

6. You have been struck, Comrade President by a severe health problem, exactly in this exciting period. Your friend, vice-president Nelson Mandela was freed and the ANC unbanned. You had to experience all of this on the sidelines. We have been with you, thinking of you, asking ourselves: how is he experiencing this. What is he thinking now? Can you please give us a few words about how you experienced the year 1990?

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7. Would your present condition permit you to go home in the near future? Have you got any plans to go home? If so, when would that be?

8. Do you have a special message for our activists in the AABN, and/or the Dutch people in general?

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Thank you very much, Comrade PrÃ©sident, for your answers. As our deadline is on the first of September, could we â\200\234please, pleaseâ have them within a week? We know it is short notice, but, you see, we have been trying to arrange a meeting with you for a â\200\234month now and only yesterday we learned that that was not possible.

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We hope one day we can meet you in person.

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'Again, best wishes

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O. R. Tambo
President of the
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Amsterdam,

August 22

Doar Comrade President,

As you possibly know, this year the Anti-Apartheid Movement of the Netherlands (AABN) will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary. Because of this special occasion, we will edit a special newspaper which will have circulation among the Dutch public. It will be sold in all major bookshops in the country and there will be attention for the project from major writing and broadcasting media. We are very happy as well to be able to count on the collaboration of a variety of fine and nationally-famous Dutch writers and journalists.

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Of course we will, in this special edition of Anti Apartheids-

'krant, also highlight our present fundraisingâ\200\224campnlen for the
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To~mark this occasion ~-â\200\231c11â\200\234irty years of solidarity work- in the
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very exciting year of 1990, we would like to ask of you, Comrade Ã©
President, a very spacialâ\200\230faVour. Below, we have put a few
quototlons: they concern issues that are of great importance to
us, e.g. the nature of solidarity work and the relationship(s)
that one can have in the global conglomeratlon of liberation
struggle and solidarity. We know that you, as.you have visited us
in Holland on several occasionS, are well informed about our work
and that you have a lot of knowledge and interesting viows on
solidarity work in general. We -ond that lnoludos Conny Braam,
who sends her love and bes t wishesâ\200\224 would be greatly honoured and
very happy if you would, by answering these quostions, share your
views with us on ttthelaungi¬\202ts.

Naturally we would have been even more happy if your condition
would have permitted a 'live interview ~wo would have OOmc to
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