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11th June 1992

Attention : Mr Murphy Morobe

Agenda planning : Telecommunications Policy Forum

Dear Murphy,

As you are now well aware, BMI-TechKnowledge is planning the 2 day workshop on policy formulation in the telecommunications arena, and has tentatively set the date for this workshop as July 16th and 17th, at the VW Conference Centre, Midrand. You have received a draft agenda for this workshop, and we are finalising this agenda with the core group of major players in this sector.

Your input to this agenda is essential. We will finalise the Agenda at a meeting next week, at which the issues to be dealt with, and the structure of the workshop will be finalised. You are invited to be present. The details of this planning session are :

Date : 18th June 1992 Time : 1500 hrs (3.00pm)

Venue : BMI-T Boardroom : 4th floor ITG house

356 Rivonia Rd. Rivonia, Sandton

This meeting will address the finer points of how the workshop will deal with any sensitive issues, or political debate, as well as the choice of chairmen of the working groups.

The number of organisations invited to this closed discussion is limited, and if you are not personally able to attend we suggest that you deputise someone from your organisation to attend in your place. We trust that you will be able to attend this session, and look forward to your confirmed attendance.

Kind regards,

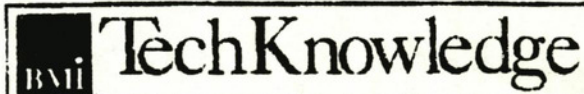
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4th June 1992

Attention : Mr. Murphy Morobe

Telecommunications Policy Forum

Dear Mr. Morobe

Our company, BMI-TechKnowledge Ltd, is the acknowledged leader in South Africa in research-based consultancy. We conduct client-confidential studies as well as multi-client research projects in the field of Information Technology and electronics.

We have for the last ten months been conducting a major multi-client research project into the telecommunications networks in Southern Africa, involving on-site investigations in most SADCC countries. Our investigation is covering many aspects of the telecommunications industry, including broadcast, radio communications, telephony and corporate networking.

A topic of vital relevance in this research is :

- * Telecommunications policy and the regulatory environment

We have been involved in examining these issues since July last year, and for this reason would like to bring to your attention the

- * Telecommunications Policy Forum

that has been initiated by ourselves in the recent months. We consider that the attached draft papers will provide interesting information for you.

I will be calling you to discuss this particular topic on Monday morning, and would appreciate some time with you to discuss the latest initiative in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Paul

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Telecommunications Policy Forum

Background

The decades of domination of the economy and national infrastructure by minority interests, and the diverting of large measures of resources and manpower into the strategic concerns of providing certain facilities to a privileged minority have passed. The emergence of a new regime has resulted in a political process involving the majority of the population in the determination of priorities in the re-structuring of the economy as well as its direction.

This has meant that new processes and mechanisms have to be put in place to facilitate input from far larger constituencies and interests than previously. In order to cater for this process, and to ensure a democratic development of national priorities in infrastructural development, requires that attention be given to the policies underlying the new decision-making process. This is happening in the communications arena, with the emergence of the telecommunications policy forum.


Definitions

The Telecommunications Policy Forum (TPF) is a dynamic forum of representatives drawn from the entire telecommunications community.

The community is understood as comprising the various players in the field of telecommunications, such as the Telecommunications Operator (Telkom SA) and the broadcasters (SABC, M-NET, Radio 702 etc), alternate telecommunications operators, the proposed regulatory body, the Frequency Spectrum Advisory Committee, various user bodies (such as the NTUG and the LMRA), the private sector suppliers of technology (Industry), consumer bodies representing the general public and the trades unions engaged in the industry.

Objectives of the TPF

The objective of the policy forum will be :

- ♦ to provide an open arena for the formulation of proposals on national telecommunications policy,
 - ♦ to air and address the needs of less privileged communities in the provision of basic services such as telephony and broadcast services,
 - ♦ to make such recommendations to Codesa and the future government as are necessary for the legislation affecting the telecommunications and broadcast industry,
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- ◆ to assist Codesa in its deliberations on policy determination,
- ◆ to assist in the structuring of the proposed Commission for Communications, and its representation,
- ◆ to advise the new regulatory body in its function of administering the defined policy.

Composition

The Policy Forum shall be a dynamic body, with no fixed membership, but with a composition defined by the requirements of the issues at hand. It will be managed by a praetorium of no more than eight individuals, representing diverse interests in the community, with no more than one individual representing each constituency. It is envisaged that the Forum would meet as and when required to discuss problems in the administration or legislation concerning telecommunications. For these meetings, invitations to the various communities would be made out, as well as to external bodies such as the economic forum, foreign policy-making bodies or consultants, who would be qualified to make representation on the matters at hand.

Terms of Reference

The TPF would address issues as they arise from time to time, and would be the main recourse for each one of the identified communities to address problems or issues in telecommunications policy. The TPF would be the prime vehicle for communications between Codesa and the future government and the various communities identified, in matters pertaining to telecommunications policy. The TPF will also serve as the instrument for consultation in the process of policy-making and establishing legislation.

Authority

The TPF will in itself have no powers of legislation or enforcement, but will be respected as the principal body for the formulation and recommendation of policy as it affects telecommunications. The TPF would have implicit recognition arising from its representation of the full spectrum of communities affected.

Draft Issue for Comment

Telecommunications Policy Forum - A Workshop

Developments in the regulatory environment of the telecommunications industry have progressed at a rapid rate in the last few months. Behind the scenes activities have reached a stage where it is possible to open up the process of interaction to a wider body of participants. The formation of the core of a Policy Forum has been achieved. Considerable pent-up interest in the activities of this body has to be satisfied. This is the scenario behind the proposed Workshop entitled : The Telecommunications Policy Forum.

- ◆ First Public Workshop Dates : 16th and 17th July 1992
- ◆ Venue : Volkswagen Conference Centre, Midrand, Transvaal
- ◆ Conference Organisers : BMI-TechKnowledge Pty Ltd
Web Systems Ltd

Objectives

The objective of this workshop is to facilitate the process whereby a number of specific objectives will be achieved. These specific items include :

- ◆ The facilitation of dialogue between stakeholders in the industry on key policy and regulatory issues. To develop an understanding of the complexities involved, trust between delegates and direction concerning the future.
- ◆ A presentation of the current state in policy formation, and the position of several key parties in the political arena.
- ◆ A presentation of the policy framework development as proposed at Codesa. Open discussion of the options and alternatives being considered.
- ◆ Presentation on the proposed Commission for Communications, its role, functions and composition.
- ◆ Reviewing progress to date in the Telecommunications Policy Forum, and defining its role as a high level integrative industry body providing Policy input/advice or assistance to the newly constituted Commission for Communications . Discussing the composition of such a Forum and the mechanisms by which such an entity would be constituted.
- ◆ To raise the profile of the Telecommunications Policy Forum, and to define how this body would interact with the Commission for Communications, Codesa and the eventual regulatory body.
- ◆ To provide a mechanism whereby the decisions of the participants in the Forum will be effectively communicated to all the parties participating in policy deliberation and regulatory issues and in particular the Commission for Communications.

Nature of the Workshop

The workshop will comprise three main elements :

- ◆ A presentation session in an auditorium, where a number of papers will be presented, probably 6 at most, outlining the status of a number of issues. Each paper will define the scope of the topic to be dealt with in the workshop, thus limiting the boundaries of the specific issue (topic) to be dealt with.
- ◆ A working session in which task groups, of a limited size, will debate and reach consensus on a topic. These working groups will be formed from the delegates present, as they prefer. This activity be spread over two working sessions, the afternoon of the first day, and the morning of the second day.
- ◆ A review session, presented to the full assembly, in which each task group will present its conclusion and recommendations on the topic. This will conclude the working activities. The forum committee will then compose the Forum Papers into the final output of the working sessions.

Output

A written synopsis of the proceedings will be drawn up by the Forum Working Party, and presented to all delegates at the workshop. This document will also be made available to the public at large.

The document will contain the statement of principle behind each issue from which a standpoint on policy will be formulated. This will prove invaluable to the development of the regulations and the legislation proposed to manage and control this industry.

Benefits to Delegates

Another key result of this workshop will be the interaction between the delegates, which will include key figures in the industry, and in the present Department, and the creation of a dynamic which proves valuable to the development of the industry.

Proposed Agenda and Topics to Cover

Session 1: Presentation of papers

1. **Introduction and opening address**
 - Terms of Reference of the TPF
 - The position of Codesa (based on its report to the Plenary Session 15/16 May)
2. **Policy Issues**
 - An ITU perspective
 - Examples of Policy formation in Africa
 - Provision of services to rural populations
 - Integration of national and regional networks
 - Optimisation of national resources
 - Usage of the Frequency Spectrum
 - Ownership of the infrastructure
3. **Regulatory Issues**
 - Proposals on the formation of the regulatory authority
 - The structure of the Commission for Communications
 - Basis for selection of Commissioners
 - Relationship with the Policy Forum
 - Telecommunications (line) regulations
 - Value-Added Services regulations
 - Broadcast regulations
 - Radio communications regulations
4. **Management of the Radio Spectrum**
 - Ownership of spectrum
 - Re-allocation of frequencies (WARC recommendations)
5. **Basic telephony services provision**
 - Ownership of customer premises equipment
 - Protection of user interests
 - Privatising the "local loop"
 - Alternative operators and competition
 - De-regulation of services
6. **Proposals on Value-Added Services regulations**
 - Third-party traffic restrictions (switching and carrying)
 - Value added requirements
7. **Broadcasting**
 - Restructuring of the Broadcast Operators
 - Limitations to effective operation - de-regulation
 - New role of broadcasting
 - Public broadcasting
 - Private broadcasting
 - Program content

Session 2 : Working Group Activities (2 sessions of 4 hours each)

Session 3 : Presentation of working group papers

1. **Winding up of the Workshop**
 - Closing Address : The Way Forward



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9 June 1992

Mr. M. Morobe
Codesa Management Committee

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Dear Mr. Morobe

Re: Conference SA Telecommunications
 21-22 September 1992, Sandton Holiday Inn, Sandton

Herewith an updated programme for the above conference. The Codesa representative will be delivering the opening address. We already have many local and international confirmed speakers.

I look forward to hearing from you before Friday this week as I must finalise my programme then in order to meet my publication deadline. Thank you.

Regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Debbie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Debbie Liversage
Conference Manager

00.00 Chairman's Opening Remarks

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY IN THE NEW SA: IMPLICATIONS OF
A CHANGING POLICY CLIMATE

00.00 Keynote Address: Regulation of SA's new telecommunications
industry

- The nature and structure of the new independent telecommunications commission
- The role of the new Telecommunications Forum
- Managing the introduction of competition
- Protecting the rights of operators and clients
- Addressing community service obligations
- Frequency allocation
- Policy formulation
- Standards
- How far should regulation extend?

Proposed speaker: Codesa representative, Working Group 1,
Subgroup 3

00.00 The restructuring of SA's telecommunications industry:
what does this mean for Telkom?

- The effect of deregulation on Telkom
 - * joint ventures with the private sector
- The role of telecommunications in SA's economic recovery
 - * importance of an independent healthy telecommunications network
 - * importance of an indigenous electronics industry
- Socio-economic cleavage: meeting both first and third world needs
- Making basic services a priority

Danie du Toit, Managing Director, Telkom

00.00 The Australian experience: the role of the regulator in
a competitive environment

- The changing Australian telecommunications scene
 - * what sectors of the industry have been opened up to competition?
 - * what remains to be done?
- Does Australia have the right regulatory regime for

- change?
- Industry specific regulation vs general competition laws
 - A single industry specific regulator vs a division of technical, economic and consumer protection responsibilities
 - Has Australia's regulatory body achieved the desired objectives?
 - The changing climate: the players' responses
- Robin Davey, Chairman, AUSTEL

00.00 A global perspective on the telecommunications environment: implications for SA telecommunications policy

- International and regional developments
 - * restructuring of ITU
 - * current policy issues in the international arena
- What does this mean for SA?
 - * industry structure
 - * policy considerations

Proposed speaker: Andile Ngcaba, ANC or ITU representative

00.00 Globalisation strategy: does SA have a place in the world?

- Compliance with international standards (ITU)
- Regional blocking : what does this mean for SA telecommunications?
- The leadership role of SA in the Southern African and African continent
 - * SA as the gateway to the networks of the world
 - * SA as a major supplier to improve telecommunications in Africa
 - * new markets for SA companies through closer telecom links with Southern Africa
- Rural communication
- New trading opportunities: the spin-off for SA telecommunications
- Strategic planning for new markets

Proposed speaker: RASCOM / Kouassi Apetey, Infrastructure & Industry Director, African Development Bank;/ Alcatel

- 00.00 Union perspectives on change
- The role of the trade union in the telecommunications sector
 - Creating an industry people want to work in
 - What does competition mean for the union?
- JM Hlongwane, General Secretary, POTWA

FINANCING NEW VENTURES

- 00.00 Critical equity investment issues
- Considerations for the investor in a rapidly changing telecommunications industry
 - The potential for joint ventures: SA and international partners
 - Assessments for equity/debt raising
 - Case study: current proposals for new SA joint venture projects

Proposed speaker: Rob Hersov, Morgan Stanley International, London

- 00.00 Institutional investment in telecommunications: vital concerns for fund managers and investors
- Investment opportunities: characteristics and attractiveness
 - Issues to be addressed by institutional investors
 - Avenues for institutional investment

Proposed speaker: Hamersma, General Manager, Standard Bank Investment Corporation

00.00 Close of Day One

DAY 2

00.00 Chairman's Opening Remarks

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES DRIVING CHANGE IN THE INDUSTRY

00.00 Overview of technological developments

- What changes are imminent?
 - * mobile * satellite
 - * networks * VANS
- The impact of change on
 - * competition
 - * the regulatory environment
 - * consumer patterns

Proposed speaker:

00.00 Satellite technology in SA: what does the future hold?

- The viability of new satellite servers
 - * buying more satellite space or building and launching a satellite through an international supplier
- What would an SA-owned and -operated satellite mean for SA's telecommunications industry?
- Positioning SA at the forefront of satellite technology in Africa
 - * RASCOM
 - * Sunsat
- Subcontinental and worldwide communication

Dr Hannes Steyn, Group Executive: Electronic Systems, Altech

00.00 Mobile communications: which technologies are competitive?

- Allowing market trends to prevail: opportunities for private operators
- Impact of digital on analogue
 - * security, coverage, reception
- Developments in smart card technology
- Land radio mobile systems
- Which technologies will survive?

Proposed speaker: Siemens

END-USER CONSIDERATIONS

- 00.00 Managing choice in a complex environment
- New challenges for the corporate user: making the right choice for your organisation in the face of increased options
 - Developing telecommunications strategies for the deregulated environment
 - * integrate telecommunications with business needs
 - * develop a strategy to meet future requirements
 - * measure the impact of your telecommunications strategy

Proposed speaker: Derek Wright, Information Strategy Director,
KPMG Aiken & Peat

- 00.00 Outsourcing - a viable option
- Cost and core business: how do you maximise return on investment?
 - Control of technology: does it drive the business or does the business drive it?
 - Outsourcing: systems integration or in-house training and skills procurement
 - How can a service provider understand your business needs?

John Jenkins, Managing Director, VANCO

- 00.00 Increased foreign competition for international calls: prospects for the industry
- Diversified tariffs
 - Attraction of the SA market for overseas entrants
 - Services envisaged
 - Benefits for the large end-user

Howard Jonas, President, International Discount
Telecommunications, New York

- 00.00 Opportunities for suppliers
- Recognising the opportunities
 - * for manufacturers
 - * for suppliers of equipment and services
 - Preparing for more competition

- Export opportunities for SA products
 - * providing the necessary level of customer service

Proposed speaker:

A WORLD TREND TO NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

00.00 The changing face of networking: trends

- LANs
 - * The Unix/LAN debate
 - * Arcnet, Ethernet and Token Ring
- WANs
- MANs
- Key developments in the VAN arena
- Benefits of networking
- Network management
- Issues impacting on choice
- A looming market war?

Proposed speaker: Kevin Harvey/Ian McGregor, ISM

00.00 EDI: revolutionising conventional trading practice

- Longterm benefits of switching to EDI systems through VANs
 - * tightened supply chains
 - * improved accuracy and speed
 - * savings in paperwork and administration
 - * more secure trading
 - * improved customer service
 - A common international standard?
 - SA: the choice of becoming a global electronic trader or settling for irrelevance in world markets
- Eli Goldstein, Former Chairman, VAN Association

0.00 Case study of a VAN: FirstNet's Tradanet

- Rationale behind implementation
- Setting up: issues addressed
- Instant data links with world trading partners
- Implications for SA business (foreign and domestic market)

Derrick Bennett, FirstNet Marketing and Sales Manager

00.00 Close of conference

THE FILM AND BROADCASTING FORUM (FBF)

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FAX COVER SHEET

TO: Codesa Management Committee Sub-Committee 1,
Task Group 3 (Media)

ATTENTION: Mr. Essop Pahad

FROM: Film and Broadcasting Forum (FBF)

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DATE: 15/6/92

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THE FILM AND BROADCASTING FORUM (FBF)

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15th June 1992

The Convenor
Task Group 3 (Media)
Management Committee Sub-Committee 1
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World Trade Centre
Kempton Park

FOR ATTENTION: MR. ESSOP PAHAD

Dear Mr. Pahad

Request for meeting with Task Group 3.

The Film and Broadcasting Forum (FBF) welcomes the agreement reached at Codesa concerning the establishment of an independant authority to regulate the telecommunications sector. However, we believe that other essential aspects concerning the administration of the South African television, film and video industry during the period of transition need to be adressed as a matter of urgency.

The FBF has submitted proposals relating to the restructuring of broadcasting and film to Codesa's Working Group 1 before Codesa 2. These proposals represent the common position of all the major membership-based organisations in the film, video and television industry, reached through a process of intensive deliberations and the consolidation of the different areas of expertise offered by the organisations participating in the FBF. (See Addendum A for participating organisations.)

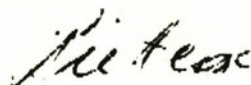
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The FBF believes that the restructuring of film, video and television is of paramount importance for the process of democratisation and development which needs to take place in South Africa and we are most concerned by the way in which these media are currently being administered.

We therefore request an urgent meeting with representatives of Task Group 3 in order to discuss the proposals which were submitted to Working Group 1 previously and to raise our concerns about developments in the field of film and broadcasting.

Included copies of the proposals handed in to Working Group 1 before Codesa 2.

Yours sincerely



PP MICHELE WIGGETT
FBF Secretary

ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE FILM AND BROADCASTING
FORUM (FBF):

FMA " Film Makers' Association.

FAWO " Film and Allied Workers Organisation.

Representing film-makers, film educationalists, independant
distributors and exhibitors, technicians and the community
video sector on a national level.

SAFVI " South African Film and Video Institute.

Representing film and television production companies,
facility houses, distributors.

SAFFTA " SA Film & Television Technicians Association.

PAWE " Performing Arts Workers Equity.

PMA " Personal Managers Association.

SASWA " South African Script Writers Association.

Representing, self-employed scriptwriters.

SA-APRS " South African Association of Professional
Recording Studios.

A FILM AND BROADCAST FORUM CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

The Film and Broadcasting Forum (FBF) wishes to contribute to the discussions that are being held to determine the future of broadcasting in South Africa. While it is accepted that a new Broadcasting dispensation will take time to be researched and established, a broad dissatisfaction exists amongst all the members of the FBF with the way the SABC fulfils its responsibilities as a Public Service Broadcaster. The FBF, therefore, calls for the immediate formation of an independent regulatory authority that must be charged with the urgent regulation of broadcasting activities, and the coordination of the subsequent restructuring of the industry.

The regulatory authority must oversee and enforce, inter alia :

- * the public accountability of the SABC as well as all other broadcasters
- * an increase in the production and broadcast of minority cultural and language programming
- * increased local programme content in all programme categories
- * the elimination of political control of the SABC as the Public Service Broadcaster
- * the creation of a new dispensation whereby community and private enterprise have access to the Nation's broadcasting frequencies

In addition, the following matters give cause for concern :

- * Lowest-common-denominator standards are increasingly being adopted by the SABC at the expense of its Public Service responsibility (such as cutting back on African languages)
- * Commercial competition against the private sector from a privileged and publicly subsidised financial base is unacceptable
- * SABC news broadcasts continue to be politically biased
- * SABC's management of public funds

The FBF recommends :

- * A moratorium must be placed on the expansion and restructuring of the SABC
- * In order to truly represent the broad interests of the South African public, the SABC Board must be reconstituted

The following organisations, who represent a major part of the industry, are signatories to this statement: SA SCRIPTWRITERS ASSOCIATION (SASWA), PERFORMING ARTS WORKERS EQUITY (PAWE), SA FILM & TELEVISION INSTITUTE (SAFTI), FILM AND ALLIED WORKERS ORGANISATION (FAWO), PERSONAL MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (PMA), FILM MAKERS ASSOCIATION (FMA), NATIONAL TELEVISION & VIDEO ASSOCIATION (NTVA) AND SA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL RECORDING STUDIOS (SA-APRS).

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For atten.: Mr Murphy Brown : Manager Administration

Dear Sir

It is with pleasure that we wish to inform you of the establishment of the Broadcasting Industry Liaison Committee (BILC) as a technical forum for the co-ordination of Technological Developments in Broadcasting Transmission and Reception.

The aforementioned name has only recently been adopted for what was formerly a quarterly meeting, over many years, between members of the South African broadcast/consumer equipment industry and broadcasters.

1. The Radio and Television Manufacturers Association (RTMA).
2. The Radio and Television Distributors Association (RTDA).
3. The Radio, Appliance and Television Association (RATA).
4. The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC).
5. M-Net.
6. The South African Bureau of Standards (SABS).

Matters of mutual interest, such as technological developments in television and sound-radio broadcasting, including both consumer products and activities of the broadcasters, are discussed and, if possible, agreements reached with the aim of resolving issues or establishing standards and practices to the benefit of all stakeholders and the public.

It is the opinion of BILC that it would be advantageous to establish a common regulating body for all telecommunications, inclusive of broadcasting, such as the Commission of Telecommunication recently proposed to CODESA. BILC would also like to offer its services by way of comment or proposals on broadcasting regulatory aspects in order to be of assistance to CODESA in these matters.

Yours faithfully

AO de Jager
SECRETARY

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Dear Sir/Madam

Application for a community radio licence

Enclosed please find the copy of a letter submitted by the Cape Town community radio initiative (known as "Bush Radio") to the Minister of Home Affairs requesting permission to begin community radio broadcasts in the near future.

We understand that Codesa has no legislative powers, but we would like to inform you of our request in the hope that you will support the principle of the right of community radio stations to broadcast.

We look forward to a favourable response from the Minister and to the support of Working Group One of Codesa.

Yours sincerely

Sue Valentine

Sue Valentine (Ms)
For the Bush Radio Co-ordinating Committee

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The Bush Radio Co-ordinating Committee
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The Minister of Home Affairs
Mr E Louw
House of Assembly
P O Box 15
Cape Town
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April 9, 1992

Dear Sir

Community radio licence application

We, the Bush Radio initiative, have been meeting with a range of community organisations over the past 12 months to discuss the potential service that community radio broadcasts would offer radio listeners in and around Cape Town.

In keeping with the notion of "community radio", the Bush Radio initiative is a non-profit grouping of more than 50 organisations in Cape Town that wishes to allow communities in and around the city to produce and broadcast programme material of interest to themselves.

As articulated in proposals regarding the broadcast media tabled for consideration at Codesa, we believe that community radio is a small, but important sector of radio broadcasting. We would appeal to you -- as well as those negotiating the issue of broadcasting in Working Group One at Codesa -- to favourably consider our application for permission to go on air.

Community radio offers ordinary people -- and particularly low income and illiterate communities -- the chance to speak to each other and to creatively address issues which they would identify as significant. No other broadcaster operates in this way in South Africa at present and while we believe we would fulfil a service-oriented role, we do not see ourselves competing with SABC programming in any way.

We would like to begin broadcasting as soon as possible and look forward to a response from your department shortly.

Yours sincerely

S J Valentine (Ms)

For the Bush Radio Co-ordinating Committee

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The Chairman
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Dear Sir

THE PRINT MEDIA

The Newspaper Press Union of South Africa (the "NPU") is a voluntary association of some 214 publications throughout the country and broadly represents the printed media in Southern Africa. Naturally the NPU is following with concern and interest the important work being done by Codesa. To the extent that Codesa's task and your committee's in particular extends to consideration of the role of the printed media in a changing South Africa the NPU would, of course, be anxious to furnish you and Codesa with any necessary information, comment or representations.

Up to the present it has been our understanding that Codesa has only been concerned with the activities of the electronic media in a transitional phase towards a new constitution. However we have noticed that certain political parties and institutions have submitted comment and recommendations also covering the print media.

This letter is addressed to you to seek your assurance and confirmation that Codesa will indeed focus only on the role of the electronic media during an interim phase pending a new

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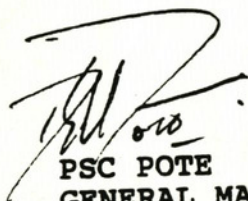


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constitution. If your committee is in any way concerned with the actions of the print media, please let me know so that input can be furnished. If not, may we assume that commentary or recommendations given to you by any other body on print media issues, will be ignored by Codesa until the situation changes and the NPU is duly informed thereof.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully



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Dear friends,

We have word from the Africa Fund Office in N.Y. about your efforts to negotiate the release of political prisoners in your country and move toward a truly democratic government in the New South Africa.

We certainly hope that the 417 political prisoners who remain in S.A.'s jails will soon be released into the community.

We understand that much harassment by the government is going on. In fact that **Pretoria is making more political prisoners even as it plays the role of reasonable negotiator.** That 854 persons were arrested for political reasons and that 759 have been brought to trial and only 105 found guilty.

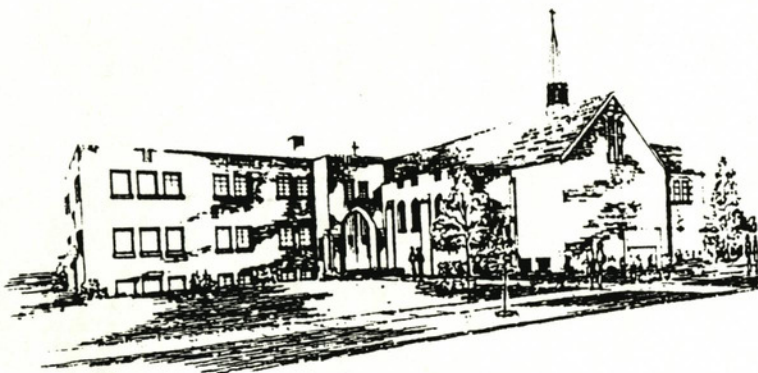
We at the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights in Detroit, Michigan remain in solidarity with you, with CODESA, with the ANC in the struggle for justice. Just a few weeks ago we hosted a Mid-West conference: **Abolishing Apartheid/Ending Racism.** Bethuel Maseramule of NUMSA was here along with many other strong and knowledgeable South Africans.

AMANDLA!



Sister Joannette Nitz, O.P.
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Dear Mr. Dalling:

I am a member of the Southern Africa Committee of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights. We learned that you are at work trying to negotiate for the release of political prisoners in S. A. and toward a truly democratic government in the New South Africa.

We also understand that not only 417 political prisoners remain in S. A.'s jails but that Pretoria is making more political prisoners even as it plays the role of reasonable negotiator. We have reliable information from the Africa Fund Office in New York that 854 persons were arrested for political reasons. This brought the year's total to 1,672. Trials have taken place in which 759 were accused and only 105 were convicted. This certainly shows the activity to be based in harassment by the government.

We support your efforts for the release of political prisoners. Keep on! We are in solidarity with you in this long struggle toward a New South Africa with a Constituent government responsible to the majority of the people.

Sincerely,

Rev. Linda D. Anderson