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10 October 1995  
Mr. Awing Pantin  
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International Consultants Inc.  
Fax:181-203-0412  
Dear Mr. Pantin,  
Thank you for your facsimile r  
to speak to Mr. Msimang, our H  
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He has promised to advise me a  
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Sncerely  
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Secretary to  
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9 October 1995

His Excellency

Mr. Mendi Msimang

High Commissioner for South Africa

London

England

Fax: (0944) 171-229-4919

Dear Mendi,

Ref: FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS -SA

I recently had a fax from Toni Strasburg enquiring about the bonafides of Edison Kiele who is trying to raise some \$400,000,000 for four projects in South Africa.

1. Sardet - South African Research and Development Trust
2. Soweto Sports and Cultural Foundation
3. COADI - Children of Africa Development Institute
4. Bid Systems (Pty) Ltd.

She was enquiring on behalf of a mutual friend of a Mr. Awing Pantin of Pantin de la Fond - International Consultants Inc. Whose company, established for many years, raises money for development projects in Africa. Mr. Pontin was formerly with the UNDP and appears to have offices in the USA, UK, Canada and Trinidad.

What I was able to convey to Toni was :-

1. Sardet is a trust that certainly had the backing of the ANC and President Mandela. Walter Sisulu is a founder member and amongst others on the Board are Nadine Gordimer and Ellen Khuzwayo. Thabo Mbeki made the key-note address at its launch and Eddie Funde (formerly ANC Chief Rep in Australia) is the Director.

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2. Mr. Edison Fiela of the Soweto Sports and Cultural Foundation approached Cd. Walter early on in their negotiations and he agreed to become an advisory trustee. Their brochure has supportive letters also from Steve Tshwete, prior to his becoming Minister of Sport, from Danie Malan, the then Director of Sport in the city of Johannesburg and from Sam Ramsamy of NOCSA.

3. I do not know anything about the other two projects mentioned. On Sunday evening Mr. Pontin telephoned me from London and requested that I try to get an appointment for him to see you. He has since sent me a fax, a copy of which is included and raises his concerns.

Since the amount indicated is very substantial, and could be of great value in the RDP programme, Cd. Walter would appreciate it if you could, in your very busy schedule, fit Mr. Pontin in with an interview.

Should you require any further information please let me know and I will do my best to help. Also if you would very kindly advise me if you are prepared to see Mr. Pantin, I would like to contact him with a positive response, whatever it may be.

It was good to hear your voice - one of these fine days I hope to come and visit you there.

Warm regards  
RiCa Hodgson  
Secretary to  
Walter Sisulu

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5 October 1995

To Toni Strasburg

Fax: (0944) 171-328-2536

Dear Toni,

REF: Edison Kiele

Yes we do know Mr. Kiela and Walter did become an advisory trustee to the SOWETO SPORTS & CULTURAL FOUNDATION.

I have in front of me his brochure in which are letters of support from Steve Tshwete, before he became Minister of Sport, from Danie Malan, the then Director of Sport in the City of JHB, Sam Ramsamy, President of NOCSA. and others.

From the plans alone, I would guess that it would cost every bit of all the millions mentioned.

I do not know anything about COADI, as Walter was not asked to participate in this one.

If Edison claims to have letters from President Mandela, copies should be obtained and sent here so that we can verify this as Beryl was probably not with Nelson at the time. ;

SARDET - the South African Research and Development Trust was definitely initiated by the ANC and has as its director Eddie Funde, formerly our chief rep in Australia.

Walter is a founder member and the Board has on it, amongst others, Nadine Gordimer and Ellen Kuzwayo. Thabo made the opening key note address and it certainly had the blessing of the President. I am including a couple of photocopied pages from its brochure.

I hope I have provided enough evidence to show that the projects being collected for appear to be perfectly kosher.

Love to you

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Scope of activities

The areas which the Trust currently considers to be within its ambit include:

. Urban and rural development

- Electrification, telecommunications, water and sanitation

- Commercial agriculture

- Economic development

- Housing

0 Human resources development

- Education and training

- Employment creation

- Health care, sports, art and culture

. Good governance

0 Development planning and research

SARDET will develop, on an on-going basis, more detailed policy statements on the nature of the projects it is prepared to support and the criteria which will have to be met if proposals are to qualify for assistance.

The various activities or projects that will be considered within each activity area include:

0 Community-based projects

0 Research

0 Policy formulation

0 Capacity building

0 Institution building initiatives.

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As mentioned above, selection criteria for nSSistmzce will have to be identified for each of the

brand areas of activity. The\_following general criteria should, however, apply in all activity

areas: .

0 Proposals which have the potential to lever meaningful change in the "development enviromnent" should be favoured over ad hoc and highly parochial proposals. It should he noted, however, that in some instances ad hoc projects may be worth assisting.

0 Proposals which have the effect of unlocking 0r gearing resources and putting them at the disposal of the urban and rural poor should receive high priority.

0 Proposals with a wide impact which can be shared by many people, should be favoured over those that have narrow impacts. "Islands of Privilege" should be avoided.

0 Proposals which are the outcome of democratic processes should be favoured over those which are not.

In general, proposals for assistance should be consistent with the values and objectives expressed in the Trust's vision statement.

Minister of Public Works Jeff Rndebe  
(right), Telkom's Teddy Pekmie (middle)  
with Eddie Fimde at the SARDET lmtnch.

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In its endeavour to achieve this, the financial policy of SARDET is set out in the Deed of Trust, which can be summarised as follows:

0 Capital donated by patrons will be invested in accordance with the advice of SARDET's auditors and with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

0 Interest gained on invested capital will be employed to fund the activities of SARDET.

0 Annual subscriptions paid by donors will be employed to fund the activities of SARDET.

- Donations received for specific projects will be employed for implementing such projects.

- Donations will be used conservatively and cost-effectively. It will be the policy of SARDET to limit expenditure on its own infrastructure and overheads. Rather than maintain an expensive infrastructure, SARDET will contain overhead expenses, including staff positions; and mostly use contractors on a project-by-project basis.

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