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Jim Kirkwood, Africa Office, The United Church of Canada, Division of world Outreach, 85 St. Clair Avenue East, TORONTO, Ont. M4T 1M8 Canada.

Dear Colleague,

UCC Contribution to ANC Video Project

Our warm thanks to your organisation for the support given to our video project.

It is this kind of contribution which assists us materially and morally in the day-to-day building of a new non-racial, democratic South Africa, together with the people of our suffering country.

We hope for continueing contacts with yourselves in the future.

Yours-in-solidarity

B. Masekela Secretary for Culture

Administrative Secretariat, DIP, ANC, LUSAKA

Dear Friends, Barbara + Henry 1

5 Regent Street Ottawa, Canada, K1S 2R4 December 16, 1988

This is an act of trying to avoid what would happen if we didn't write something. No doubt about it. And if we didn't write, think of the consequences: You might possibly consider that we've gone underground, or been fully consumed by some situation here in Canada, or worse yet, stuck on the island of Mauritius or in the Swat valley of northern Pakistan, or in a Norwegian fjord. We don't want you to get the wrong impression.

Well, we're not underground, and things are fine. That's the first point. The second it this: You don't need to come for a visit, just write!

Well, on the other hand, if you just happened to be at the airport in Ottawa, and called......

But take account of the following news before you adjust your travel plans:

Information overload, stacks of brightly coloured flyers and ads heaped at the front door, darkness by 4:30 p.m., stairs joining the 4 floors of our house, Free Trade as a national economic policy, daily public bus rides, dish washing machines, expensive whiskey....these are some of the very difficult situations we are having to face here in our own home land. The day it snowed 4 inches in October, the kids got all their clothes wet in one hour – three pairs of snow pants and jackets each! Like moths to a candle flame, they dove into the snow and while there, made several snowmen. The snowmen melted in a week or so. Today it was –14° C and windy. No more snow will melt for a while.

And then Johannes called from Brussels, and Aina called from Oslo; JoanAnne called from Lusaka, and Ada called from Boston; Govin called from Edmonton (should have been Harare), and Irene's note arrived from Harare (no change there); we lunched with Margie in Toronto, the weekly paper arrived from Johannesburg......and with a sigh of relief we knew we could overcome the difficulties. Oh, the pleasures of staying in touch.

Look, we've tried hard to settle back in: we got the new car, the new computer, and the new winter clothes; the (not so new) bikes are parked out back (or were); the kids are in school; there's some sort of work for John; there's apple juice in the pantry; and we have a roof over head. What more could we want?

A ticket to where?? (Julian has just said he wants to go back to Lusaka. Me too, adds Brooke. Well, ok, then, let's go to the store, Julian continues, feeling perhaps that he might get somewhere with that suggestion.)

We can't leave now, kids! Things are happening! We chose to come here!

CUSO Lusaka

September 21, 1988.

Comrade Patrick Fitzgerald
DAC
ANC

Greetings Cde. Patrick,

I have a few things to report on or get back to you with, in relation to the Video Unit Project.

First, I think I promised in my August meeting with your Board that I would provide the address of the United Church in order that you could write a quick note of thanks for their \$7,000. contribution to the Unit and hence to our "matchable" funds for the Partnership-Africa Canada submission. Let me not delay further:

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Jim's an old hand in the NGO/solidarity network so you needn't be very formal with him. A quick note of acknowledgement of their support would be great.

I should also mention that in his response to my July letter to him about various areas of potential support, he mentioned that "There is the possibility of a further \$10,000. to the Video Project in '89, if it will be needed." I am taking the liberty of advising him that it will be needed. I assume that that is okay.

in solidarity,

Joan Anne Wolan

Special Programmes Officer

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September 21, 1988.

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Greetings Jim,

Thanks for the copy of your September 2nd/88 letter to Karine and your attachment.

As you can imagine, I am very pleased to hear of the decision to support the Department of Economics and Planning of the African National Congress, in the amount of \$30,000. (Can.) You will know, from talking with Karine, that the Canadian Government would not even consider the project as it is seen as a proximity to the Movement that makes Ottawa uneasy. Well, we'll just have to keep pushing on other "safer" projects.

I will await any further word from you on what conditions attach to UCC funding. For instance, do you want the Memorandum of Understanding that was envisioned in our submission to the Canadian Government? What types of reporting do you expect? I'll stand by for this information and any other details you would offer.

On another matter, I see by your copied letter that UCC is prepared to make available a further \$10,000. to the Video Unit in 1989. Given the rapid and impressive progress of the Unit, I think it is safe to say that the ANC will call upon these prospective funds. I will pursue this and be back to you in time for your next fiscal year of disbursements.

On yet another matter, I will be home at Christmas, from December 18 to January 15th. If you think it adviseable, I would be pleased to pay a visit

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to your office in the week of January 9-13. I have a number of potential meetings in that week, but if I hear back from you soon, I will make every effort to ensure time with you, Marg and others.

I trust that you are well, fully recovered and perhaps preparing for another trip this side.

In solidarity,

Jolan Anne Nolan

Director-Special Programmes

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