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Dear Colin:

I refer to my telephone discussions and wish to say that, looking at the correspondence between HRLDSA and the Trust fund, it is apparent that there is some misunderstanding. It has always been our understanding that your committee was the principal organizer of this particular exchange programme. The misunderstanding may have arisen out of Liz Sheehy's visit to South Africa and her memo to Pius Langa and Zola Skewyiya.

Liz had gone to South Africa to participate in a conference, "Putting Women on the Agenda", organized by lawyers for Human Rights. Her trip was sponsored by the Trust Fund's constitution and legal commission. She met Pius Langa and Zola Skewyiya on this trip and discussed matters relating to your program.

We were not aware of the details of your association with LAA but in any event, to make matters clear, we had not sent Liz to South Africa to develop a program to either duplicate or be in competition with yours. Of course, it is quite clear that the matter became clouded when Liz sent in a "proposal". I think it is quite clear that she should have been used to the term "suggestions", rather than proposals. LAA do not have a proposal with us of any nature. Also, Liz probably was unaware of the constraints on your budget.

Since the matter became clouded, the Executive Director, Dr. Paul Puritt, rightly requested the matter be held until my return from South Africa (January 23, 1991). Paul has just met with Pius Langa in South Africa who advises that he wants an exchange programme to take place and that candidates can be made available for May of this year.

We want to overcome any misunderstandings and have Pius Langa assisted. We do not want to ignore what progress we have made, so, upon receipt of a request we will make the money available to you on the understanding that you be the principal organizer and that I, on behalf of the trust fund, assist as I have endeavoured to do in the past.

If you wish a meeting between us to discuss this matter further before you respond, please let me know. Also, should your answer be positive, but you would like to talk over details, the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Commission (who is also Vice-Chair of SAETF) and the SAETF Chair, Ted Scott, would be willing, in the absence of Paul Purrit, to meet with you in Toronto.

Yours sincerely,



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