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Dear Friends,

Towards the end of January our headquarters

received a letter from PdK. Leballo of the Pan Africenist Congress
addressed to our Acting President~Generel, Comrade O.R. Tembo.
The main theme of Lehallofe letter centered
suggestion for a dialogue between the African National Congress

around his

and the Pan Africanist Congress with the sole objective of
agreeing on a "united frent" of the two organisations.

Shortly before the recent ordinary session of

the OAU Liberation Committee Which was held in Moshi, press,

statements attributed to the Executive Secretary Of the African
Liberation Committee, brother George Megombe; were published in
the local press in Tanzania welcoming the PAC "initiative" of

Calling for a united front of the tWo liberation mOVGmente in

South Africa; MI. Megombe Spoke once more of the so~Celled
PAC initiative during his final press conference at the con4
clusion of the Liberation committee sessiOn. He is reported

to have said "We welcome the initiative taken byâ\200\230the'Pah'

Africanist Congress for the Greetion of unity. We hope that
the African National Congress Will respondend that a dialogue

Will start soon between the two movements." This report appeared
in"The Standardâ\200\234 of the 19/2/71;

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properly gone into. We cannot, of course, predict as to When
 this meeting will take place because the ANC is giving priority,
 attention to the acute problems facing the urgent tasks of mobiâ\200\224
 lising our people for the intensification of the ANC~led
 struggle inside South Africa.

In the meantime, we shall welcome any comments by our units
 on the issue under report. The comments, if any, should kindly
 be addressed to our headquarters at Morogoro.

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The Chairman of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), Mr. Chitepo, also added his contribution to the Glamour for an ANC/PAC united front by claiming that the "rank and file in the ANC have often indicated willingness to join ranks With PAC in fighting the enemy." He is alleged to have made this strange statement to a reporter of "The Nationalist" newspaper in its issue of 18/2/71.

In a letter to headquarters dated 17th February, the Chief Representative of the Asian Mission of the ANC in New Delhi gave us the following report: "Purely by chance I happened to have been fortunate enough to get 'Radio Tanzania as I was monitoring news yesterday evening. I was taken aback by the announcement that the Executive Secretary of the African Liberation Committee had made a statement to the effect that the unity talks between the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress were making good progress."

He continued : "It does appear that the parleys between ourselves and the PAC have been going on for some time. However, We have not been aware of these developments." We were of course obliged to cable our office in India informing them that no talks of any description have been going on between our organisation and the Pan Africanist Congress.

Headquarters would like to inform ANC Units that the National Executive Committee of our organisation has not yet, met to consider Lehallo's letter to the ANC Acting President General. We have also decided that no press statements will be issued from our headquarters until this matter has been properly...../3