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My dear Brother Alf,

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Just a short note to inform you that India's Minister of Education and Social Welfare, Professor Nurul Hassan, will be visiting Dar es Salaam and Lusaka from January 28 to February 7.

I have been informed by well-wishers that Mr. Hassan is keen to meet senior leaders of accredited liberation movements based in both cities to discuss, inter alia, the question of educational scholarships for students hailing from South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola and Guinea Bissau.

You will recall that we submitted a Memorandum to the Indian Ministry of Education last year making a special plea that more of our people should be accorded scholarships and emphasising that only students recommended by us should be favourably entertained. It will be appreciated if this point could be re-emphasised for we have had an example where Mrs. Helen Suzman's recommendee was also given a scholarship at the expense of our recommendee. Emphasis should be laid on the fact that as India has no relations with South Africa and because of her consistent and principled stand on the question of peoples fighting oppression and colonial domination the views of the Asian Mission of the ANC should be considered similarly to those of official foreign missions here. This is important for two reasons: firstly, students from South Africa should and must be made aware that the ANC is their official or rather the only official spokesman of all South Africans in India; secondly, students would be compelled to seek our assistance. The former would raise our standing amongst South Africans and the latter bring students closer to us. As a matter of fact if the Minister could be persuaded to would be favourably entertained in the future thelzaui;-;?\_--\_- Oppressed South Africans would be greatly enhanced.

There is also the question of giving educational and other help to our brothers from Angola, BOZambique, Guinea Bissau, Namibia and Zimbabwe. India is willing to extend assistance provided the necessary assistance is sought for-by the freedom movements of these countries. I would suggest you raise the matter with Frelimo MPLA, PAIGC, ZAPU and SWAPO and request them to meet the Hon. Minister. You should emphasise to Frelimo, MPLA and PAIGC that Opportunities are open to them which needs to be utilised. At the moment there are some 30 Angolan students studying in India. It appears all of them are members of GRAB. Needless to stress that there are a large number of students from various parts of Africa in India and that students from the unliberated areas could have a profound influence on them during the course of their studies. We have no doubt that the opportunity will be taken to discuss other matters related to our struggle. It is therefore important that senior leaders of the liberation movement make special efforts to meet the Hon. Minister. Our friends here have requested that every effort should be made for Chief, Netto, Dos Santos and others to meet him.

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We need not mention that the Hon. Minister is most sympathetic to the cause of oppressed peOples and a staunch anti-imperialist. Mr. Hassan inauguated the International Seminar Against Imperialism and For Social Transformation held last year in New Delhi in which we participated.

Last year we raised some points about gniiniiilx guidelines for our Missions abroad. It would be appreciated if the members or Special Committee charged with the task of formulating these would kindly eXpedite matters in this respect. I trust you, Chief, Maindy and all other comrades are in good health. Do convey my very warm regards and best wishes to them all. By the way there is an addition in the family.

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I have a new baby boy who is a potential M. A. man.

Dear brother, please consider the matters raised as most urgent and please contact Chief and representatives of other movements as soon as possible.

Please inform Maindy that the family is in good health and that he should please write if his wrist has healed.

Love to all.

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