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Dear Leoturers/discussion leaders,

I would like to ask you, and would be very happy if you will agree to participate in Freedom Schoolis Dialogues class for 1993-94. The general theme, United Nations Peace Cooperation, is both specific to Japan but also refers to a multitude of issues involving the entire world system. In general, I envisage the course as covering such issues as: What is the world system now, including the United Nations? How is this system changing? What is the meaning of "peace"? What is the meaning of international cooperation? What is the relationship between international . cooperation and the world system? These are broad questions, I know, but I think they can be a starting point, at least, for interesting discussion. I am looking forward to a very interest" ing series of dialogues next year.

We are currently making the brochure for our classes next year, and I need some information from you. If possible, we need this information by the middle of next week. I,m sorry not to have given you more time to respond, but we have been busy here with many things and I haven,t had time to do it sooner.

What I need is: 1) a photograph, either black or white or color, preferably IQ size, but we can also out from a bigger photo; 2) the content of the disoussion/leoture you will give; and 3) any general reactions/oommments you have on the general topic of the course. This 3rd requirement actually has two purposes: first of all, I think it will help both me and the other participants to know what the different people are thinking about beforehand, and secondly, I will try to incorporate these comments into the . general description of the course, so that it iert purely my words.

Again, sorry for pressing you for time.

Sincerely yours,

Jens Wilkinson

p.s. I have included a planned list of lecturers. This is merely a list of people I am asking to participate.

Dialogues with the world 1993-1994  
 United Nations Peace Cooperation  
 Exploring the world system. including the United Nations, and asking the  
 questions of what is peace, how can peace be achieved, and what in this context  
 is international cooperation?  
 5/15, 5/22 Douglas Lummis  
 Intro: The UN. Peace and International Cooperation  
 5/29, 6/5 Clare Debenham. NCC (UN  
 The concept of peace  
 6/12, 6/19 Mojtabe Sadria (Iran, Canada &  
 Peace & Order in the world system  
 6/20, 1/10 Anya Light, Sarawak Campaign (Australia)  
 Multinationals. the world system and peace  
 . 7/11 Discussion, party  
 9/11, 9/18 John Russell  
 Discrimination and the Struggle for Peace  
 9/25, 10/2 Montse Watkins, EFE (Spain)  
 The movement of people & the world system  
 10/16, 10/23 Dr. Martin Kaneko (Austria)  
 10/30, 11/0 Liubica Stojnich (Yugoslavia)  
 The collapse of Yugoslavia and the UN Intervention  
 11/20, 11/21 Baker Abdul Munem PLO (Palestine)  
 Intifada and the possibilities for Peace  
 9/12/4, 12/13 Terryuatera, ANC (South Africa)  
 Attica and the struggle for a just world system  
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 . 12/13 Discussion. party  
 1/8, 1/22 Dr. Bayas, RCPC (Philippines)  
 Japan's UN Cooperation and SE Asia  
 1/29, 2/5 Louis Simon (USA)  
 2/12, 2/19 Cuba  
 Socialism and peace  
 2/26 Cambodia?  
 UNTAC. the Japanese SDF. and peace in Cambodia  
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To: Mr. Jerry Matsila

Chief Representative

African National Congress (ANC)

Dear Sir,

We are writing to you for the first time. The Institute of World Culture and Society is  
. a private research center whose main object is to gather and provide basic information  
about

foreign countries for our sponsors. We also publish the monthly review "World Trend"  
which integrates all the important political, economic, social and cultural events around  
the

world.

As a matter of fact, in Japan, there is a lack of information and knowledge about the  
history and the present situation of the African countries including yours. One of the  
reasons of this is the policy took by the Japanese government toward Africa. We have not  
so many books and documents which take up and explain correctly the anti-imperialist na-  
tional-liberation struggles in Africa including your organization.

We think that it is necessary to expand among the Japanese people the correct knowl-  
edge about the African countries and the national-liberation movement there, to deepen th  
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mutual-understandings and solve the present undesirable relations which exist between the  
Japanese people and the Africans. This is why we would like to have an interview with  
. you. We will be very glad if you accept our request.

We have an object to make the readers understand the real situation of South Africa,  
including even those who have little knowledge about the Republic of South Africa and  
your organization ANC. Therefore, we would like you to talk, having an idea that the most  
of the Japanese people have only a little knowledge on your country and the ANC.

As for the date of the interview, we shall be very grateful if we can have it before May  
24, so that we can carry it on the "World Trend" in the July issue.

Truly yours,

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Our concrete questions are as follows;

I. On the general feature of the Republic of South Africa and the ANC.

(1) Population and composition of nationality and rations, the Gross National Products (GNP), industries and composition of professions, resources, political and economic relations with US, Europe and Japan, political and economic relations with neighboring countries, economic system e.t.c.

(2) History of the ANC, its Programme and struggle.

II. Real situation before and after the so-called "declaration of abolition of apartheid" and

historical reality of apartheid.

Historically, the Republic of South Africa has been considered by the US. and European powers to be "an anti-communist stronghold in southern Africa". Therefore, the US, European and Japanese governments have allowed the South African National Party government to do anything as it likes, for instance to take the most brutal apartheid measures

and to launch armed attacks against the liberation forces of the neighboring countries. Under

the apartheid policy, the US, Japanese and European powers have been able to enjoy the "right-less cheap labor force" and have been guaranteed higher profits for their investment.

(1) We would like to know concretely about the apartheid policy, especially it under the National Party government. Under the apartheid, how was the labor and life of the respective

strata like black people, coloured and Asian people, as well as white one. Especially,

what kind of political and economic discrimination, exploitation and oppression have been imposed the great majority of the population, the none-white workers and other toiling people? And how have the apartheid government reacted to the resistance of the people against such discrimination and oppression? Please talk historically and concretely.

(2) The South African government has provided to the Japanese (yellow) equal status with the white people, because the Japan has been an important partner of trade for South Africa.

This means that the apartheid policy is not a "simple" racist policy. We think that the objective of the apartheid policy is to expand racist ideology among the white workers and

set the white workers against the black ones, and then to divide the movement against the National Party racist regime as well as the domination of South Africa by the US. and European

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pean powers. This way, the US, Japanese and European businesses have been provided  
With the "cheap labor force" there.

What is your opinion?

(3) South Africa has been called a "paradise for investors" and provided the highest prof  
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rate in the world to the foreign businesses. Please talk about its concrete conditions.

South Africa is a prominent arms exporter in the world and has given military assis-  
tance to the anti-communist guerrilla forces in the neighboring countries. However, it is  
said that they are the US. and European powers which have provided the arms to the South  
Africa. Could you talk about the reality of it?

(4) The N ational Party government has conducted direct armed attacks against the neigh-  
boring countries and the liberation forces based in these countries, as well as supplied  
arms

to the anti-communist guerrilla forces which were organized with a support of the US,  
Britain and the South Africa itself, to utilize them as a tool for attacking these countr  
ies.

Could you talk about it historically? We understand that the ANC was forced to withdraw  
from Mozambique in January 1984, due to the treaty between South Africa and  
Mozambique. Could you talk about the circumstances of it? All so, could you talk how  
the ANC has overcome the difficulties coursed by this withdrawal and developed the  
struggle until now?

III. After the collapse of the U.S.-Soviet bipolar structure, we can see a new situation  
drastically developing all over the world. In South Africa, the National Party government  
abandoned the apartheid basic laws and legalized the ANC for the first time. Until the ne  
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April, the elections for the constitutional parliament will be held to give the suffrage  
to the

black people. If the things go well, the ANC which is supported by the grate majority of  
the

population will win the victory in the election and Chairman Mandela will be elected the  
President. However, considering the situation in Angola as well as other countries in  
which the United States is deeply involved, we feel a kind of apprehension that the big  
powers like the US. will never accept the AN C government without a promise of abandon-  
ing the course of socialism, adopting the capitalist market economy and pluralism as well  
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submitting to the US. What is your opinion about it?

White ultra-rightist organization AWB and reactionary black people's organization IFP  
have conducted terrorist actions against the ANC and the Communist Party of South Africa

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and fanned up the conflicts among the black people. It is said that behind these are the US.

and European powers and the white regime. How are you treating with this? We believe that the assassination of Secretary-General Hani of the Communist Party was a serious incident.

How are you evaluating and treating with it? It is said that the IFP is an tribal organization founded by the National Party government in order to fan up the conflict within the black people and tribes. Could you explain about this organization?

IV. On the relations with the neighboring countries and the Communist Party.

The South Africa has been under the economic subjection to the US. and European powers. But at the same time, it has put neighboring countries under its economic control

. Using this situation, the South Africa has attacked the neighboring countries and liberation

forces fighting against the US. and European powers and the South Africa itself. But, if the

AN C seizes the power and takes the policy of ending the economic subjection to the US. and

European powers, the economic power of the South Africa as the most industrialized country in Africa will contribute to the economic reconstruction of neighboring countries. We understand that there is a tradition that a liberated country supports unliberated ones by

providing the bases and so no. After seizing the power, will the ANC take over this tradition?

We understand that the AN C has kept close relations with the Communist Party as it is said that the 40% of the ANC cadres are from the CP. Could you talk about the future relations between the ANC and the Communist Party? It is said that the Communist Party has decided to hold on to socialism and Marxism-Leninism at its Congress in late 1991. How does the ANC evaluate this decision?

V. Do you have any message to the Japanese people?