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To the Secretary General!
Dear Comrade A. Nze!

Today it is the time to write you personally.

Since the end of February 1979 my fiance Simon Matsitse is back to Morogoro to work there in the interest of the ANC.

Since 1964 he was a refugee because he is a member of your organisation and I have also read your Freedom Charter. But Simon is not only a member, who is ~~pay~~ paying a due. He has really given his physical and mental power, his heart and his youth.

After a certain time of political activity in many corners of the world he had the chance to learn a wonderful profession in our country. He is very proud of it and I think also that one day he will work in a South-Africa without race-discrimination. During his study he has not forgotten the principles of struggle. His activities didn't sleep in this time. That's why he had also received an award of our Solidarity Comitee. He can show it to you.

During this study he had also made the acquaintance of my person. Finally he had found a real comrade for family-life. After so many years he had the longing for safety, for a warm atmosphere and a home. I can understand his situation a bit because of my own biography. We were a good team all the time and it is our sincere wish to come together again. I was not married before, because I had not found a person who had so high qualities in character and emotional life-style and I am enthusiastic again, when I am writing about him. I am a person who is not looking for money, for good-looking or other formalities alone. These are things which are not eternal. I am interested in a life-quality which cannot be expressed in money. I have found the same interests in Simon.

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Our thinking ^{at} in Europe is too material! It's a loss of real human qualities: the lack of communication, of family-life, of emotional giving and taking.

Now I am very unhappy. Simon is away. We had sworned to stay together until we die. That was no wild romantic. We are people of more than 30 years.

Now we are divided, only a problem of too much bureaucracy?

Simon is really a good person. And I had also no problems with our authorities!

If there is a person to tell other things about us, it is really a thick lie or only a personal intrigue.

Coming to my person: I have studied medicine also without help of parents.

I like my work very well. My profession is also the real problem of marriage! I am not the problem (perhaps of a bad character or so...), my profession!

This is curious and very tragic for us. My opinion is: It is not important what you are doing in your profession, it is important how you are to your comrades,

sisters and brothers, your human being is decisive. But it plays another pole in our European thinking (mentioned above).

Our state has invested money in my study (but I have worked for it 9 years already), it is an economical question. That's why they don't really like such marriages (But nobody says it officially!) They need years (!) to give the permission and hope that we are giving up. They want my staying here in my country and the partner shall also stay here. But they don't understand that Simon has another mission! Nevertheless he has a right to marry the woman he loves. They don't accept my deep feeling to him, they only think it is an adventure of exotic. People in a small town sometimes are thinking very primitively. The local authorities here are only working on our ~~marriage~~ marriage-problem again, if he comes back for a certain time.

Now another point: Today I am reading from Simon's letter for the first time, that Lusaka (the SG A. Nzo) had granted permission to us. Many thanks for it. But no paper came all the time!! We were wondering all the time, why Lusaka is not answering to our letters! We have not got it!!! Who had got it?? Sometimes letters does not reach the aim!

The only paper we have in this case is the writing of A. Mongalo, which is saying a word about the membership in ANC, about birthdate and that he leaves the GDR in the end of February 1979! A. Mongalo is a representative since 21st of November 1978. That's why he does not know our common way before. He is only influenced with a person who was against Simon all the years. Personal intrigues came from there. It is very easy to talk about a person in a bad manner, but nobody rehabilitates this person nobody revise a bad opinion about someone.

The next step is to arrange the same with me. But I am very sure that I have not done any bad thing in my life. I have a good conscience. - The only problem is my profession, an economical question for ours. That's more than tragicomic. I like my profession. But I also love Simon.

Now I can only beg you:

Believe me and please, believe My husband Simon!

It is the only truth I have written today. I cannot make so big words about us. Simon said sometimes: "I will live together with You in bad and good times until death will come. I have not heard better words in my life and I hope you will understand our problem now. We don't want to become the sacrifices of someone's antipathy or intrigues!"

Please, help us!

The wife of Simon.

PS: If you are answering, please, only by "registered letter."
Simon knows my address.

file ANC Bomafio

Comrade Simon Matete,
Mazimbu
Morogoro
Tanzania

Dear Comrade,

Hope that you have already
received our letter which we advise
you that it will be necessary to
obtain a letter of approval of marriage
by the Z & B authorities that will also
allow you to ~~bring~~ take your wife
away. The situation will stand that way.

Amabella Matete

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