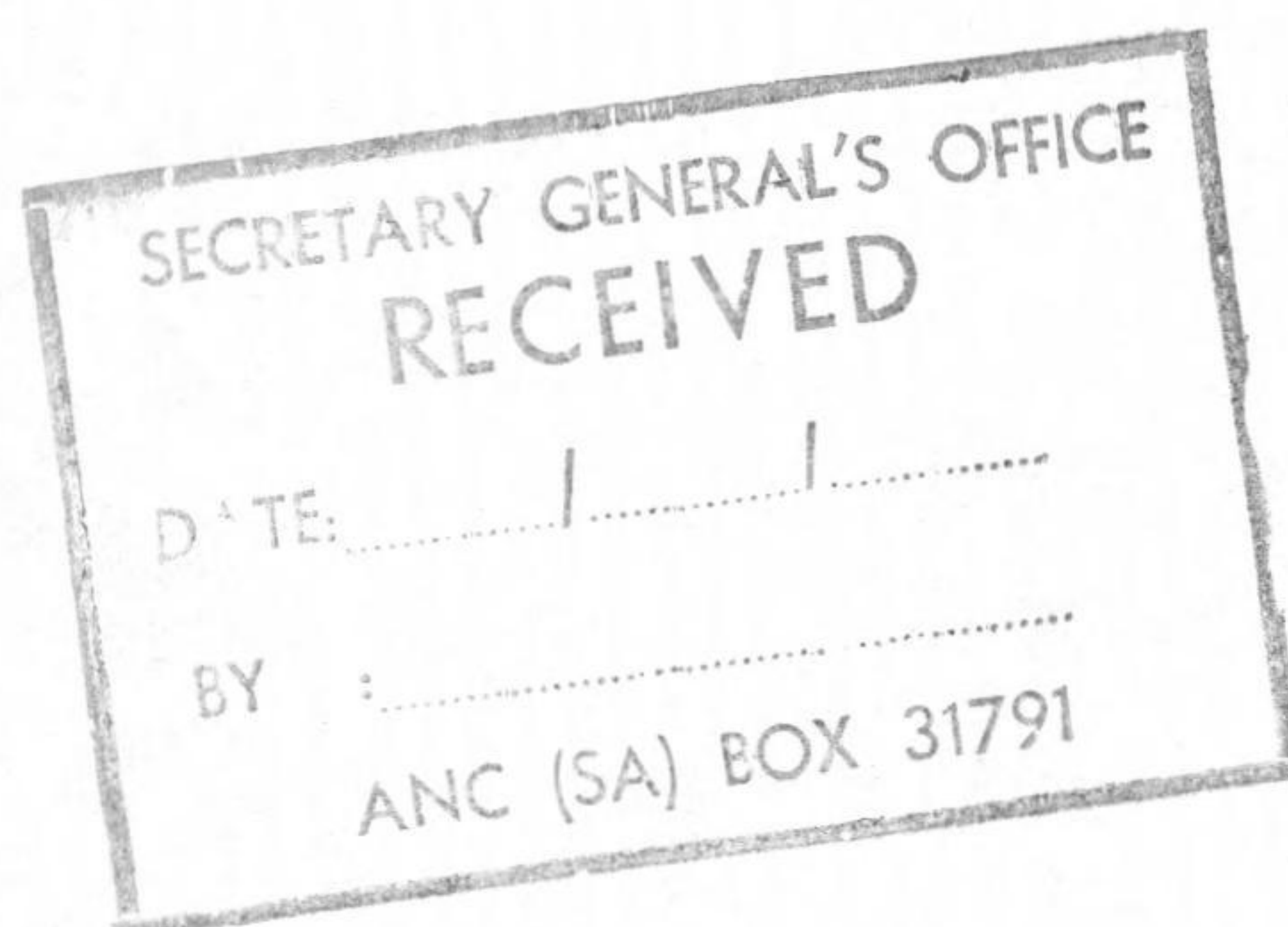




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REPORT ON THE MEETING BETWEEN THE MALAWIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER
AND THE ANC CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE IN LUSAKA.

The meeting between the Malawian High Commissioner, H.E.Mr. N.P.N. TEMBO and ANC Chief Representative comrade JAPHET NDLOVU, who was accompanied by comrade SOLOMON KOTANE, took place at the High Commission premises on 19th April, 1989.

The main purpose of the meeting, which was called at the initiative of comrade JAPHET NDLOVU, was to convey an ANC apology for having insinuated that the Malawian High Commission in Lusaka, handles South African diplomatic matters in Zambia. The unfortunate incident, followed a covering letter attached to an expired South African Travel Document, belonging to comrade REDDY MAZIMBA's mother-in-law, requesting the Malawian High Commission to facilitate the renewal of the document with the RSA mission in Malawi.

Apparently, the Malawian High Commission understood the request as a serious breach of respect for their mission and, a consequently sent a letter of protest to the ANC Headquarters. They pointed out in the letter, that their mission solely represents the interests of the Malawian government and not those of the South African Regime.

Mr. TEMBO further advised the ANC to contact the RSA mission in LILONGWE to which he provided a physical address.

In the meeting that ensued, the High Commissioner reiterated his concern about the ANC action, which he said associated Malawi with the RSA interests. He however, expressed his appreciation of comrade NDLOVU's openness and frankness in discussing the matter.

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A wide range of political issues were discussed, including the nature of the Malawian relations with the RSA regime. He claimed among other things, that the ANC and other democratic forces both inside and outside RSA erroneously believe that the socio-economic ties between his country and RSA signify ~~total~~ total Malawian support for the policies of the apartheid regime.

He also reiterated the Malawian Government's believe in the peaceful settlement of the southern african political conflict.

Finally, Mr. TEMBO said that his government has always been prepared to assist the ANC but would prefer what he described as "quite diplomacy". He noted that his mission was for instance, prepared to collect renewal and visa forms from the RSA mission in LILONGWE to assist the ANC to process passports etc for RSA visitors of the movement to Lusaka. He also said the ANC must not expect the mission to sent the completed forms to LILONGWE, but rather each applicant has to do so.

The meeting ended amicably, with the High Commissioner inviting the ANC Chief Representative to visit him anytime, even without an appointment.

Enclosed herein is a copy of the letter of the acknowledgment of reception of our reading material by the Malawian High Commission.

JAPHET NDLOVU.

Chief Representative

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