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The Secretary,  
Central Committee,  
Communist Party of the Soviet Union,  
MOSCOW,  
U.S.S.R.

Dear Comrades,

The National Executive Committee of the African National Congress of South Africa wishes to express its deepest appreciation of the political diplomatic and concrete material assistance rendered by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet people for the all-round effectiveness of the revolutionary struggle of the people of South Africa under the leadership of the African National Congress.

The National Executive Committee of our organisation decided at its recent session held in Dar-es-Salaam to request the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to receive a delegation of our Committee to be led by our Acting President, Comrade O.R. Tambo as soon as a convenient date can be found.

In anticipation of a positive response to our request and in order to facilitate discussion and agreements between our two parties, we decided to send in advance our brief political memo including requests for various forms of material assistance for study by the relevant departments of the CPSU. They are herein enclosed.

Kindly note that the rest of the delegation will consist of Comrades T.T. Nkobi, Mzwai Piliso, Mgijimi Dhlahla and Joe Slovo. We

We are looking forward to our future meeting which no doubt will further consolidate our fraternal relations and commitment to our common cause.

Yours comradely,

Alfred Nzo.

Secretary General.