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31st December, 1984.

Comrade T.T. Nkobi,
Box 31791,
Lusaka,
Zambia.

Dear Comrade Nkobi,

Re: SOMAFCO STUDENTS on Nordic Tour

We hereby wish to inform you that a group of six SOMAFCO students are due to arrive in Copenhagen January 6th, 1985.

They are invited and sponsored by all the Nordic Puplis' organisations for public relations' work in connection with Operation Day's Work. Apart from speaking in amny schools o on Apartheid Education and SOMAFCO, they will give a cultural performance. The entire tour will last for about three months.

Plans for their coming were discussed with the Director, Comrade Tikly, in March and again in October 1984. We received the list of participants from the school on the 3rd December 1984. On the 24th December Comrade Tim Maseko informed us that Cde Mohammed Jahathan will lead them because "as a rule" students are accompanied by a teacher.

If we sound ridiculous in saying we cannot expect to find a sponsor at this eleventh hour, there are sound reasons. What can we do on Christmas Eve? The region has been on holiday since 21st December till January the 3rd. Within Scandinavia, students travel on student and Youth rates. We have had students from SOMAFCO unaccompanied before in the area because of tacit confidence in the ability of the office and solidarity people to handle eventualities. Ideally, it would be good to have a teacher, especially

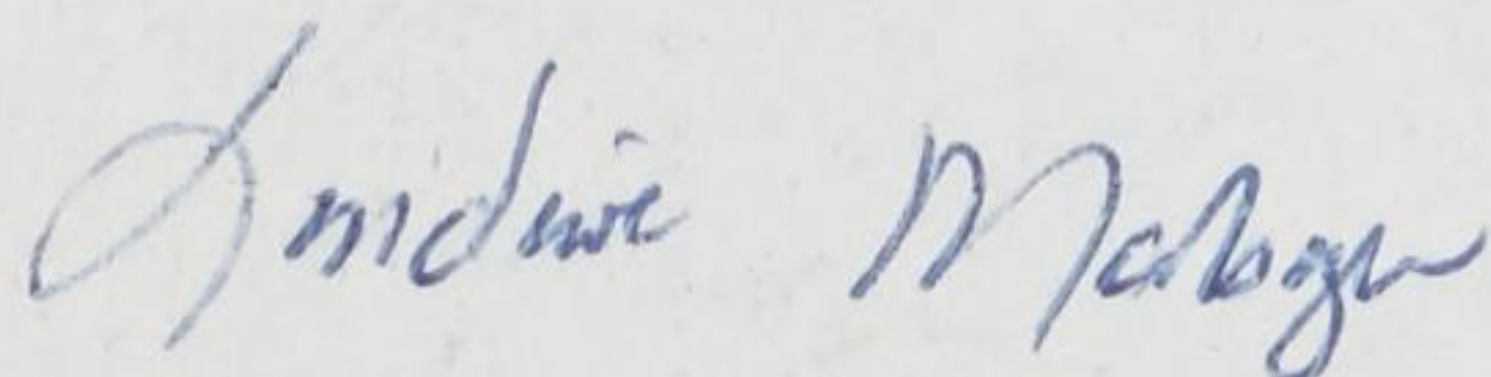
one that would be involved in the program. For practical, financial reasons and in our unideal situation we will look more ridiculous to introduce the 7th person when all countries applied and received funding on a budget for six. We do have a lot of other work and problems to cope with.

Besides, when you asked us to make arrangements for Comrade Mohammed last April/May, the question of his eye treatment was an emergency - urgent. Almost a year later, he can only expect to get treatment after the tour.

We still expect him in Sweden as a Doctor was alerted last May of his condition. Cde Maseko has also asked that we arrange for Cde Mohammed to visit some of the schools in Sweden that have been assisting SOMAFCO, after his treatment. We have welcomed this reasonable suggestion though it will have to be financed exclusively from our office administration funds, besides not been budgeted for. It is essential that we consolidate these relations.

It appears that we are failing to make our difficult position clear with Cde Maseko and therefore turn the matter over to your wise counsel.

Amandla.



Lindiwe Mabuza.

Chief Representative.

cc. Principal - Cde T. Maseko.
International Dept.