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Dear Mr. Tambo,

Subject:

Advanced Education and High Level Training for Black
South Africans:
Commonwealth Initiative

The Need for an Independent

I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the South Africa
Education Trust Fund (SAETF) to outline a new initiative to increase
Commonwealth support for the high level training of black South
Africans.

has been having with a counterpart organisation in the United
Kingdom, the Southern African Advanced Education Project (SAAEP).

This initiative arises from consultation which the SAETF

The initiative stems from a desire to increase the opportunity for
black South Africans to obtain the training and experience necessary
to shoulder senior professional, management and administrative
positions.
scratching the surface, and have tended to focus on the provision of
formal training rather than work experience. We believe that it is
important to ensure that able candidates - from inside and outside
the country - can gain the practical work experience necessary to
prepare them for positions of responsibility and authority.

Current efforts to address this problem are only

Some of the ideas for this type of training are already being
developed by the SAAEP in cooperation with Mr. Mzwai Peliso of the
Department of Manpower Development, and we are working with the
SAAEP to identify placements in Canada for some of the twenty-five
refugee candidates currently studying at the ESAMI Institute in
Tanzania.

Attached is a background paper spelling-out our plans in a little
more detail.

As you will see, we are holding informal meeting of
interested institutions in Toronto in August 1988, to coincide with
the meeting of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers.

We
will take this opportunity to consult informally with the members of
the Committee and with the Commonwealth Secretariat.

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We propose to consult with you during November when representatives of both organizations will be Visiting the region, and I will be in touch with you to confirm the arrangements for this visit. meantime, one of my fellow trustees, David Beer, will be visiting Lusaka and I hope he will have an opportunity to introduce the programme and objectives of the SAETF, which also includes the provision of university degrees and short term training opportunities in Canada.

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My experience in serving on the EPG convinced me of the need to identify new ways in which the public in Commonwealth countries can become practically involved in assisting the process of Change. establishment of a new network of Commonwealth NGOS involved in providing work experience opportunities would add significantly to the overall effort to bring about a non-racial and democratic South Africa.

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Yours.sincerely,

Archbishop E. Scott,
Chairman