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The Representatives,
African National Congress (S.A.),
P.O. Box 2239,
Dar-es-Salaam,
Republic of Tanzan.

Dear Brothers,

We believe that you have by now received our report which we sent per courier last week and now wish to report further as follows:-

1 ROBERT WATSON.

The above is the person who was reported in the South African Press as the "Illusive Pimpernell". Briefly, his history is that he was born in South Africa and emigrated to Britain together with his parents and his family some eight years ago. He is now on separation with his wife, with whom he has two children, and hopes to be divorced from her early next year. He returned to South Africa some two years ago during which period he came into contact with the African Liberation Committee. I should also mention he is a British trained saboteur and parachutist.

During the aforesaid period in South Africa, certain matters arose sharply between himself and the African Liberation Committee now known as the African Resistance Movement amongst which, was the advisability of the latter joining hands with UMKONTO. He, all along the line, felt that ARM should be part and be at the disposal of the ANC military wing and; the members of ARM who, incidentally, are members of the Liberal Party did not feel inclined to this idea. Their fear was that immediately they surrendered their authority and leadership to the ANC their sphere of influence would suffer from an untimely atrophy. When he attempted to persuade them to shift more of the leadership responsibility to their African membership, they still maintained their former stand. However, this line of argument, although it did not precipitate a sudden break in contact, he continued to maintain contact with them loosely. He trained a handful of their African members, amongst whom was Jerry Mbuli, until he struck contact with Johnson Ugwevela when he broke completely with them.

After establishing contact with our forces, he proceeded to train some of our chaps whose good work has been reported in the Cape. The net, unfortunately, quickly closed in on him because of some of the Liberal Party characters he had once associated himself with. There was no other way for him but to give leg-bail from South Africa.

Our impression of him is a favourable one from the manner

he told his story and answered questions. He seemed particularly knowledgeable of what was going on particularly in the Cape. His views are leftist and he seems a quite reliable individual. He also mentioned that he had a friend who was also keen to assist but we did not show interest on the friend pending your decision on him.

Finally, he is still keen to give what assistance we may ask of him. He is disposed to going back to South Africa if we so desire or, alternatively, to be based in one of the African States to help train some of our chaps. Apparently he has good friends and contacts with some of the officials in the Ghana Army. One proviso, and understandably so, is that we should, in the event of our giving a favourable consideration to his "application" (I use this word for lack of a better one) that we should see to it that he is modestly set on his legs because of his two children.

2 THE MAP PROJECT.

Harold has purchased all the necessary instruments and paraphernalia connected with it. There are one or two important items which he still has to secure and we have promised to get our existing contacts to help in this regard. We assure you of our strict security observance.

His note of warning to us is that we should take the maps with an open mind in that they are not one hundred per cent accurate. We should content ourselves with the fact that they are more than general for our purposes.

On the question of how best we can have these preserved he indicated that he has material available for this purpose. These can be photographically transferred on to an Ozatex film sheet which is indestructible under normal circumstances unless one were to use a sharp instrument or fire. However, he felt that, in view of the cost involved, it would be better if his initial productions were first looked at, criticised and further points suggested for addition before the final work is transcribed.

He has now engaged the services of an assistant. Her name is Ruth F. and the salary suggested is £35 per month. We do not know of any other person reliable and best suited for such a confidential project than Ruth. The work involves a very high amount of integrity and devotedness. The suggested amount is to lull her husband from being inquisitive should he start complaining if she were not to contribute towards the joint estate. At the moment, the excuse is that she is doing research for Anti-Apartheid.

My contact for courriers has requested me to make sure that I obtain a receipt from you for whatever communication I send to you. He feels that such a procedure would relieve him from unnecessary anxiety. I would therefore suggest that we adopt the principle that cables are sent each way the moment a courier has effected delivery. Cables by you to London should be formulated in the following terms:-

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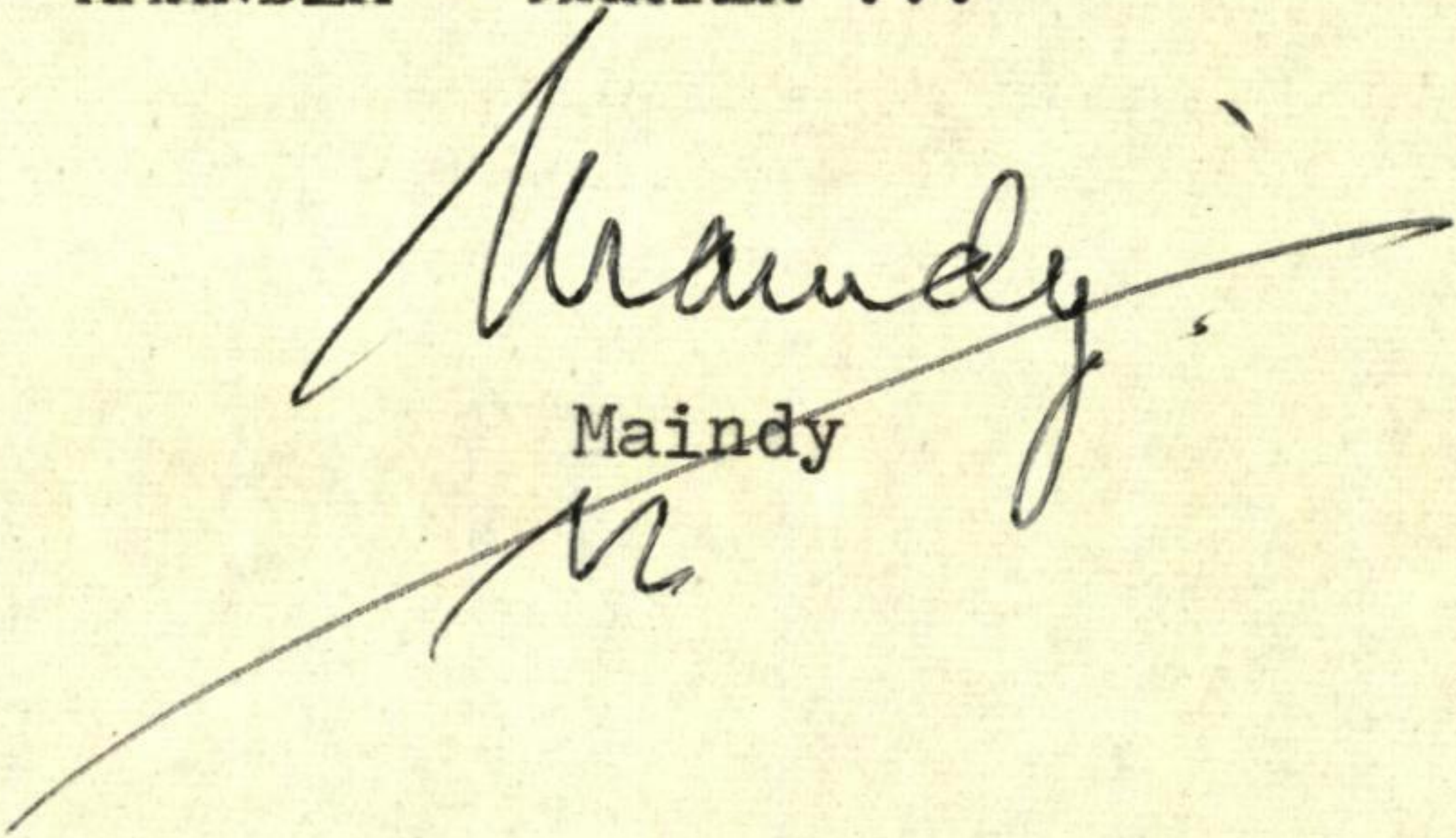
We trust you will also suggest what code we should employ from this end immediately we hear from your courier.

Kindly note our reference above and we suggest that all matters relating to MK should bear it and be written to us separately from other political matters for purposes of filing this at your end. The first letter relating to three applications for MK work should be given Ref. 1/MK/64.

We trust you will give these matters your deep consideration
and advise us accordingly without delay.

Yours fraternally,

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