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20th June 1986

Mrs. Thelma Dalamba ,  
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CANADA

Dear Thelma ,

Comrade Stanley referred your letter of June 11 to me. Obviously I was very excited .

The ANC Department of Health is mobilising experienced and committed manpower to run both health and social welfare services in our Settlements in exile. At the moment we have set up four institutions- in Morogoro and Dakawa (Tanzania) , Angola and Zambia . We are to start a training course in Angola in August ; this year .

There is a lot of gratifying work to do amongst our young and old in the settlements. As a matter of fact, Cde Thelma , you could even come for an initial period of say , a year to assist , particularly in Tanzania . Your skills and expertise is precisely what we are trying to identify and mobilise.

During the last week of July we shall have a National Health Council , the highest decision-making organ of our health structure . We are expecting participants from all over , including home. This might just be the right time for you to come . I hope this is not too short a period for you to take any decision . It would be great to have you around. The venue is Lusaka and we should provide a ticket for that. Do let us know if you are able to come and join plan the health care services for our settlements and project for a future democratic South Africa.

Let us hope to hear from you soonest. Address your reply to  
ANC P.O. Box 31791, Lusaka , ZAMBIA

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Yours in the struggle and the Year of M.K. !

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Department of Health

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Our Ref:

18th July 1986

Your Ref:

Comrade Y. Salajee,  
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Canada.

Dear Comrade Salojee,

We received your telex of July 12, 1986. Please find enclosed the photo-stat copy of the letter written by Mrs Dalamba to Comrade Stanley Mabizela.

In responding to her, we based ourselves on the recommendation by Comrade Stanley, who knows her from Swaziland. You will note, however, that we took the liberty to send you a copy of the letter written to her, precisely because we relied on your finally recommendation.

Thank you very much for the revealing information on her.

We hope this explanation will help clear the air. Once more than you very much.

In the Year of M.K. !!

Amandla !! Matla !!

Manto Tshabalala  
Deputy Secretary for Health

c.c: The Secretary General, ANC, Lusaka



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11 June, 1986

Mr. Stanley Mabizela  
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Tanzania

Dearest Stanley,

Well I was wonderfully surprised by Zola and Pulani Ngcakani when they told me that you are the chief rep. for the ANC in Dara. I am hoping that you can recall who I am after all these years since Swaziland. I should tell you that Mzolisi Ngengebula and family are now back in Johannesburg and are doing quite well, they seemed to regret the fact that it had taken them so long to get out of Swaziland, on the other hand happy for the experience I think.

My family and I have been in Canada now all of sixteen years. The children ■ now young adults do not need me around so much and this is the reason that I am writing to you, to find out from you whether you could have any use for the skills that I have in your outfit. In a nutshell I should say that I have a BA degree in Social Work from the University of South Africa UNISA, And did work as a Social Worker back home for nearly three years in Benoni. When I came to North America I did a two year diploma in Nursing, qualified as a Registered Nurse and worked in that field for the last ten years.

For the better part of my stay in Canada I should admit that I participated very little in politics that concerned my country, for basically amongst many things I really had given up hope. This was coupled with the fact that, having to struggle here for existence I was left with very little desire to do anything else.

Desmond Tutu, my brother in law caused me to visit home last year when he became the Bishop of Johannesburg. It was after this visit that when I came back to Canada I participated vigorously in Anti-Apartheid work in my hometown Toronto. Recently I have been working closely with the ANC office headed by Mr. Yusuf Saloojee. I spoke to him a few days ago about the possibility of joining your Health/Welfare unit to offer my skills. I am enclosing a brochure of an agency of which I have been a board member for the last two years. This agency has been helpful to SA refugees in several instances. This is just to show the work that has been dear to me in assisting our people. I will be waiting to hear from you in the near future. I know that you keeping well, greetings.

Yours faithfully  
(Mrs) Thelma Dalamba (nee Sibidla)