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The Secretary General,
African National Congress,
Box 680,
MOROGORO.

Dear Alfred,

On the 2nd September, Robert and myself travelled to Sweden in connection with the projected creation of a Luthuli Memorial Foundation. The trip which was organised in conjunction with the Swedish Government should have been undertaken in July but was postponed at the request of our hosts. The same delegation for our side would have gone and therefore for many valid reasons we thought it wise not to change the delegation on this occasion.

We have sent a full report of the mission to O.R. who happens to know the background to this project. But I can assure that we were extremely well received and we are satisfied with the mission.

During our stay we attempted to meet the leadership of the party - the Social Democratic Party which is the ruling party but the key person Mr. Pierre Shori was not available for enough time. However, we met him here in London a few days ago and I had very fruitfull discussions with him on a number of questions. The matter arising out of the discussions which I would like to raise with you, is the fact that on the 28th September, they are having their party congress in Stockholm. I learn that President Nyerere will be attending, as well as Gabral of Guinea Bissau, Mr. George Magombe. We indicated to Mr. Shori our desire to attend as well. Here I would propose that TX attends on our behalf and make all the necessary contacts. He has agreed.

Another important matter arising from these discussions was to learn from them that we could infact open an office in Sweden. The Government would provide assistance 50% of which is devoted for a stydy grant and 50% for fund raising. Some of our fraternal organisations like ZAPU, FRELIMO etc are already making use of this arrangement.

In view of the vital importance of Sweden, especiaally, in this period when we are planning to launch the Luthuli Foundation, I feel it is crucial to send a key person there. I have in mind a man like Kgokong. I think he would work wonders in the area. I think it would be good if he could go even for a short period. I have consulted T.X. on the Kgokong proposition and he concurs.

Amandla!

I beg to remain,

Mazisi Kunene.