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Dear Comrade

I am writing on behalf of the Publishing Project, which is the educational book-publishing arm of the SACHED Trust. This letter is part of our broader programme of consultation with various organisations, particularly mass-based ones, about our current and future direction.

With South Africa in a phase of transition towards democracy, the education arena is clearly a crucial area which needs fundamental change. Democratic education must replace the current racist and exploitative education system. As syllabuses, teaching methods and opportunities change in the future, the development of books and other teaching materials will be crucial.

In its 30 years of existence, SACHED has had experience in developing educational materials - both for use in schools, and for broader education outside of formal institutions. I include a sample of books, booklets, magazines and workbooks produced in SACHED so you can get an idea of our capabilities. SACHED is committed to continuing to contribute to building a democratic education system and to producing the materials which help to achieve this goal.

We would like to meet with you to explore ideas about alternative educational materials. We would like to discuss where the areas of greatest need lie in South African education, and what the priorities are for educational materials developers and publishers. We hope such a meeting will constitute a beginning to on-going consultation, and lay the basis for working together to address the educational publishing needs of South Africa today and the future democratic South Africa.

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I would like to suggest May or June as a possible meeting time - perhaps a date between May 14 and June 12. Could you please contact me to discuss arrangements.

Comradely greetings to all in the ANC! SACHED salutes the ANC at this time of its unbanning, and we hope to have you back home in South Africa as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in the struggle

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