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BRIEFING SHEET FOR TASK FORCE

. 30th September 1991.

1. Since the bombing of Hillview School in June, the onus of finding an alternative site has been left to the NCCR, the ANC and the Batlagae Trust, established by the NCCR/ANC/PAC L/ to focus on the returnee children and students.

L' y Furthermore, the Main Management Committee, the joint & 7 :x working group of representatives from the government, NCCR 39X X and ANC, has collapsed because the government insists on its condition for further cooperation that its representatives should visit Tanzania to undertake a "situation analysis". Both the Tanzanian Government and the ANC do not consider the visit to be necessary.

2. The Batlagae Trust has been operational for two weeks only and in collaboartion with the NCCR and ANC, negotiations are taking place for a reception centre/school in Mayville, Durban for up to 200 students or pupils. Additionally, 90 places for day-schooling may materialise at St. Ansgars School, Lenseria if boarding facilities can be arranged in the neighbourhood or prefabs put up quickly. At the same time, efforts are being made to acquire an empty school in Johannesburg. Finally, we are looking into a third centre either in the Western Cape or Border Regions.

3. These regional reception centres/schools will take a limited number of returnees. Their establishment is dependent on government assistance with capital costs and - running expenditure. Negotiations are taking place with government representatives this week.

4. It is envisaged that the rest will be dispersed to their parents or next of kin and a bursaries programme will be arranged for them.

5. The main objective of the Task Force is to bring back as much data on the children and students as possible, with the help of the attached questionnaire. Since the reception centres/schools have not been formally acquired, let alone being prepared for habitation, we should make contingency plans for the dispersal of practically all the children, except those who have absolutely nowhere to go. Therefore, please ensure that you have an address or contact person for each returnee (if no address is available, obtain at least the area where the contact person lives).

6. Essentially, we are dividing the returnees into 4 categories: pre-school, primary (5 to 12 year olds), secondary (up to 19 years only, ie, by the time a student reaches matric s/he must not be over 19) and post-19 year olds.

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We said earlier that some teachers should accompany the children and students; Please find out how many will come with the children and be willing to remain with them, if required to do so. Note that teachers must be qualified if they are to be employed. Please obtain as much information as possible from relevant teachers, with copies of their certificates and a letter of recommendation from the Management Committee. What is stated in paragraph 7 applies also to support staff.

UNHCR will most probably be involved with the repatriation of the children and will help to process them. The Repatriation Committee and the Chief Representative in Tanzania will provide information about this. A school report for each pupil/student should be brought back.