THE LUTHULI CULTURAL AND WELFARE SERVICES

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Mr Carl Tham,
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SIDA,
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Sweden.

Dear Mr Carl Tham,

I write as chairman of the Luthuli Cultural and Welfare Services. I understand that your future funding of our charity was discussed in December at Lusaka at a meeting between your Deputy Director and members of the African National Congress; and that Mr Seretse Choabi, Director of the Luthuli Cultural and Welfare Services, was present at that meeting.

Mr Choabi tell me that he gave you a statement containing a budget of our needs over the next three or four years. He had to produce this at very short notice for that meeting. We have now taken the opportunity to refine and clarify it and I have pleasure in enclosing with this letter our revised application.

We have included administrative costs as well as education grants. Our work is primarily concerned with assisting black South African students to be educated at universities both inside and outside their country, and we regard this as our top priority. But it has been difficult, on the comparatively low level of funding we have achieved hitherto, to pay the vital administrative expenses which keep the Trust active; so I would impress on you our need for money to administer educational grants as well as to make them.

Please tell me if it would help if the Director and a small delegation from the Trust were to visit you. It would also be a great help if you could give us some indication when we shall know that these grants are forthcoming, so as to enable us to proceed with vital forward planning. We also wondered whether SIDA would wish to nominate a member to serve on our Council of Management.

Yours Sincerely,

Hugh Montefiore. Chairman.