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TO: DR. GINWALA
FROM: NARISSA RAMDHANI
RE: SCHOLARSHIP AND GENERAL

5 February 1997

Dear Frene

I met with Richard Charter today to finalise matters related to the scholarship. He shared the following concerns with me. He felt that the ANC did not consider the scholarship to be of any importance to bother themselves with. From his enquiries, he learned that the ANC executive was not even aware of the existence of this scholarship. He believed that people higher up were not not even showing any interest or becoming involved. Also, his enthusiasm did appear rather jaded.

I think I have been successful in dispelling his perceptions. I gave him a firm promise that the selection committee would meet before the end of February, so that we can prepare for a public launch in March. Hence my request for the meeting on the dates I have given to Rose. Those are the only dates I can pull everyone together. Even Colin Bundy has expressed sudden enthusiasm in being involved. So while this type of attitude prevails, we should proceed before people become too involved with other matters. Please finalise the date with Rose so I can proceed to circulate documents for discussion.

Richard has also agreed to pay for my travel to Cape Town for any meetings related to the scholarship. More important, I have persuaded Richard to agree to donate R500 00-000 to the ANC Archives over a two year period beginning in July this year. He seemed to think this was not such a large sum, but he would confirm within the next few days.

Also, if you are going to be in Shell House on Monday, 10 February, Could I meet you as I have to discuss a few changes in my life.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NariSSa Ramdhani', is written over a large, stylized circular flourish.


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