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Press Release

ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR NELSON MANDELA'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

On 20th April, Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, President of the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM), Jerry Dammers, Founder of Artists Against Apartheid and Ismail Ayob, Mr and Mrs Nelson Mandela's lawyer, launched 'The Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70' Campaign - the most ambitious series of international events ever organised by the AAM.

The Campaign, which will culminate in five weeks of intensive activity and reaches a crescendo on Mandela's 70th birthday on **July 18th**, has one simple objective - to galvanise action in Britain and throughout the rest of the world, so that Nelson Mandela will be freed before he reaches his 70th birthday.

The first highlight of the Campaign is the all-star **Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute Concert** on **June 11th** at **Wembley Stadium**, to be followed the next day by **The Nelson Mandela Freedom March**. The March starts in Glasgow on **June 12th** with a major Scottish demonstration, to be addressed by **Oliver Tambo**, President of the African National Congress, **Jim Kerr** of **Simple Minds** and **Archbishop Trevor Huddleston**. The March will then proceed to London, passing through places which have honoured either Nelson Mandela or other

opponents of apartheid. There will be 25 marchers, symbolising the twenty five years that Mandela has spent in prison. They will be led by three former prisoners of the apartheid regime, including Indres Naidoo, an ANC veteran who was imprisoned on Robben Island with Mandela for 10 years. They will be joined for periods along the route by prominent local, national and international personalities.

Nelson Mandela Freedom Rally on July 17th will be the biggest Anti-Apartheid event ever organised in Britain. Tens of thousands of people will assemble at Finsbury Park, from 11.00 in the morning, where they will join the final leg of the Nelson Mandela Freedom March. The twenty five marchers who, over 35 days will have walked the whole 590 mile route, will lead the March into Central London for a massive rally in Hyde Park.

The Rally will be addressed by major international figures including: Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Andimba Toivo Ja Toivo, Secretary General, SWAPO Namibia & Sir Richard Attenborough. The day will be rounded off with a musical tribute that will include a special performance of 'Free Nelson Mandela' by Jerry Dammers, founder of Artists Against Apartheid.

On Nelson Mandela's Birthday, on Monday 18th July, there will be a special service at St James's Church, Piccadilly. Further events to mark this occasion will be taking place all over Britain and the rest of the world. On his birthday an appeal will be made to all supporters of the Campaign to wear a special 'Free Nelson Mandela' Birthday Badge.

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Full details of all these events are inside the press pack.

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STATEMENT BY ARCHBISHOP TREVOR HUDDLESTON
AT THE LAUNCH OF THE NELSON MANDELA FREEDOM AT 70 CAMPAIGN

Today we are announcing the plans for the Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70 Campaign. It is without doubt the most ambitious campaign ever to be organised by the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

For me, this campaign is not only about one of the most outstanding individuals of our generation - it is also about a friend and colleague with whom I was actively engaged in the struggle against apartheid when I was a Priest in Sophiatown. I cannot but fail to recall today the great events we participated in together when we sought to resist Bantu education or the very destruction of Sophiatown.

Our message today is very simple. Nelson Mandela must be free. We cannot allow the Pretoria regime to keep him incarcerated a day longer. The prospect that he could spend his 70th Birthday in prison is unacceptable.

Today the world speaks with one voice in calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela. The messages and statements we are releasing today testify to this fact. Yet I must ask myself how it can be that, if we have such support, Nelson Mandela remains in prison. It is essentially a question of political will. Those who call for Mandela's release must back-up their words with action. And that is what the Nelson Mandela Freedom at 70 Campaign seeks to achieve. We want to so galvanise our support and so focus it during this period, that the pressures on the South African authorities will

be so immense that they will have no choice but to respond. I sincerely believe we can achieve this objective - and with it, the release of all other political prisoners in South Africa and Namibia. Nelson Mandela's freedom will be the key to the freedom of South Africa itself.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who are contributing to the success of the Campaign: Jerry Dammers of Artists Against Apartheid and all those performing at the 70th Birthday Tribute; all those involved in the production at Wembley, including the BBC for agreeing to its live broadcast; Alan Brooks and the others taking part in the Nelson Mandela Freedom March; Archbishop Tutu and the others who have agreed to speak at our great Rally on 17th July, and of course, to all those who have sent messages and statements of support especially Mrs Mandela and my very dear friend Oliver Tambo on who has borne the very heavy responsibility of leading the ANC through the years that Mandela has been in prison. I am delighted that Oliver will be with us at Wembley and launching the Nelson Mandela Freedom March the following day in Glasgow

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ARCHBISHOP TUTU TO ADDRESS THE NELSON MANDELA FREEDOM RALLY
HYDE PARK, LONDON, 17TH JULY 1988

Archbishop Desmond Tutu is breaking into a busy schedule to address what is expected to be the largest ever anti-apartheid event in London on Sunday July 17th, where tens of thousands of people from all parts of the country, are expected to gather together in Hyde Park to call for the release of Nelson Mandela and for freedom in South Africa and Namibia. He will be joined by the veteran Namibian leader **Andimba Toivo Ja Toivo**, Secretary General of SWAPO of Namibia, who was imprisoned with Nelson Mandela on Robben Island, until his release following a world-wide campaign in 1984 and by **Sir Richard Attenborough**.

From 11.00 am that day, as the 25 Nelson Mandela Freedom Marchers come in to London 35 days and 590 miles after they left Glasgow, Scotland on June 12th, thousands of people from all over the country will join them in Finsbury Park for the last leg of the Nelson Mandela Freedom March through the streets of London to Hyde Park.

The Hyde Park Rally, which will start at 3.30pm, will be addressed by Archbishop Tutu, Andimba Toiva Ja Toiva and Archbishop Trevor Huddleston. The day will be concluded in the early evening with a musical tribute to Nelson Mandela, that will include a performance of the anti-apartheid anthem 'Free Nelson Mandela' by its writer and founder of Artists Against Apartheid, Jerry Dammers.

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MANDELA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

18TH JULY 1988

On Monday 18th July this year, people in all corners of the world will be showing their support by joining in an unprecedented series of activities which will not only mark Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday but also represent the most powerful manifestation ever of the 'Free Nelson Mandela' campaign.

In the United Kingdom, the 18th July will conclude the most ambitious and intensive period of campaigning in the history of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. The major events on this day will include:

- * A special service for Nelson Mandela and all political prisoners of apartheid, at 11am at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, London.
- * The 25 Nelson Mandela Freedom Marchers, who will have already walked from Glasgow to London in support of the campaign, and led their supporters into Hyde Park the day before for the Nelson Mandela Freedom Rally, will walk to South Africa House and then on to Parliament.
- * Special events will be staged in over 200 places, throughout the United Kingdom, which have honoured Nelson Mandela in some way in the past.
- * The new Nelson Mandela exhibition 'His Life in the Struggle', which has been prepared especially to mark Mandela's birthday by the International Defence and Aid

Fund, will be displayed in libraries, schools and public buildings throughout Britain.

- * At least one million people will wear a special 'Free Nelson Mandela' Birthday Badge.

Similar activities will be taking place across the world. Information is being compiled from other countries and will be released as it becomes available. The Anti-Apartheid Movements of the European Communities will be announcing their plans on 23rd May.

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NELSON MANDELA FREEDOM AT 70 CAMPAIGN GIVES MAJOR BOOST TO PROJECTS FOR CHILDREN IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

At least 50% of the funds raised by the Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute Concert at Wembley Stadium and the sponsorship of Alan Brooks, the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, one of the participants in the Nelson Mandela Freedom March from Glasgow to London, will be distributed through a number of key agencies to projects aiding children in Southern Africa.

The seven agencies involved in the distribution of the funds are Christian Aid, CAFOD, OXFAM, Save the Children Fund, War on Want, The International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa (IDAF) and The Bishop Ambrose Reeves Trust.

The allocation of funds for the children's projects will be made by Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, who will himself be celebrating his 75th birthday just four days after the Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute. Last September, in the Zimbabwe capital Harare, Archbishop Huddleston convened the International Conference on Children, Repression and the Law in Apartheid South Africa - a unique and historic gathering which focused world attention on the plight of children in Southern Africa and the front-line states. At the conference, young children gave testimony to their torture and maltreatment by the South African authorities. The report of the conference, 'Children of Resistance' is now available from Kliptown Books priced £5.

A Campaign Organiser added:

"We are hoping to raise £1/2 million for projects for children in Southern Africa. This will be a small but practical form of solidarity with the children of Southern Africa who are victims of the policies of the apartheid regime. We hope at the same time it will alert public opinion, in Britain and across the world, to the price children are paying for our failure to rid the world of apartheid."

The following are extracts from statements by some of the agencies welcoming the decision to allocate funds through them to projects for children in Southern Africa.

"I think this is an excellent initiative and War on Want is pleased to be associated with it"

Francis Khoo, War on Want

"I wish you every success in this venture"

Frank Judd, Director, Oxfam

We are very grateful - it is of significant help to support the vital work of our partners who give assistance to apartheid's"

Michael Taylor, Director, Christian Aid

"We wish this creative initiative every success and are happy to be a part of it"

Julian Filochowski, Director, CAFOD

"We are delighted to be associated with the Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute. The International Conference in Harare last September was held under the auspices of The Bishop Ambrose Reeves Trust and this will enable our Trust to follow up the vital work in support of children in Southern Africa."

The Bishop Ambrose Reeves Trust

"The International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa welcomes the Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70 Campaign. We are happy to associate ourselves with this initiative calling for Nelson Mandela's release.

"We are delighted that funds raised from the Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute at Wembley will enable IDAF to defend and aid children in Southern Africa."

Horst Kleinschmidt, Director, IDAF

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BIOGRAPHY OF NELSON MANDELA

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was born on 18th July, 1918, at Umtata, in the Transkei region of the Eastern Cape, South Africa. Related to the paramount Chiefs of Tembuland, in his early 20s Mandela renounced any hereditary tribal rights and prepared for a legal career. He obtained a degree in Law from the University of South Africa, became articled in 1942 and ten years later, set up a legal firm in Johannesburg, with Oliver Tambo. Here, during their years in practice, amongst other things, they defended hundreds of Africans charged under the apartheid laws.

Having been interested in the struggle of the South African people since boyhood, Nelson Mandela joined the African National Congress (ANC) at the age of 25, where, together with Walter Sisulu, Oliver Tambo, Anton Lembede and others, he was a driving force in the establishment of the ANC Youth League and in the fast transformation of the ANC into a popular movement, against the apartheid regime.

By 1952, already showing strong leadership qualities, Mandela had been elected President of the Transvaal branch of the ANC and National Deputy President. Following this, he achieved even greater national prominence as 'Volunteer In Chief', during the Defiance of Unjust Laws Campaign, when thousands of people courted arrest by peacefully breaking the apartheid laws.

From 1952 onwards, Mandela was subjected to repeated banning orders which severely restricted his political activities. However, despite this, he continued to be the inspiration and force behind many different initiatives. For example, in a temporary respite from these bans in 1953, along with Walter Sisulu and Father Trevor Huddleston, he addressed a mass rally to protest against the forced removals of the inhabitants of Sophiatown. And then, in June 1955, he played a key role in the convening of the Congress of the Peoples, where the world famous Freedom Charter was adopted. As a result of this, at dawn on 5th December 1956, the inevitable knock on the door came, when he was arrested and charged with High Treason. The Treason Trial began in earnest, in August 1958, however, in June of that year, Nelson Mandela married Winnie Nomzamo Madikizela.

Nelson Mandela was one of the 156 people accused in the marathon Treason Trial, arising out of the adoption of the Freedom Charter. Eventually, all were acquitted, after a Trial which lasted until March 1961. However, during this relatively short period of time, South Africa had been transformed by the Sharpeville massacre on 21st March 1960, when 69 people were shot dead during a peaceful protest against the Pass Laws. The State of Emergency that followed, and the banning of the ANC and the breakaway PAC, forced Mandela and other ANC leaders to review their strategy of non-violent opposition.

Under Mandela's leadership, in May 1961, a National Action Council was convened to call a three day Stay At Home, to protest at the establishment of the new white Republic of South Africa. The South African authorities went all out to suppress this action and so Mandela declared:

"If the government reaction is to crush by naked force our non-violent struggle, we will have to reconsider our tactics. In my mind we are closing a chapter on this question of a non-violent policy."

This was to happen, and Mandela was given the task of forming Umkhonto we Sizwe, of which he was the first Commander in Chief. Umkhonto we Sizwe's first acts of resistance were on December 16th 1961. Now operating underground, Mandela was able to slip out of the country, to visit heads of state in Africa, as well as to make a short stay in Britain. Following his return later that year, on 5th August 1962, he was stopped on a road block and arrested.

First brought to trial and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment, for charges including leaving the country illegally, he was later brought from prison to reappear in Court, as Accused Number One in the Rivonia Trial, which opened on 9th October 1963. On April 20th 1964 he made his famous "I am prepared to die..." speech from the dock. On June 11th, together with 7 of his co-accused, he was found guilty of preparing to overthrow the apartheid state and the following day, June 12th, he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mandela has spent over 25 years in prison; his stature as a symbol of resistance and as a leader of the people of South Africa has continued to grow throughout this time. It is now internationally recognised that there can be no meaningful solution in South Africa, without the unconditional release of Mandela and all other political prisoners.

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BIOGRAPHY OF WINNIE MANDELA

- 1934 Born Nomzamo Winnie Madikizela in the Transkei region of the Eastern Cape, South Africa, following secondary education, she trained as a social worker.
- In 1958 She married Nelson Mandela and while pregnant with her first child (Zenani) she was detained for participating in a demonstration against passes for African women.
- In 1962 After just 4 years of marriage Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, leaving Winnie Mandela and their two young daughters Zenani and Zindziswa behind. What was initially a five year sentence was extended to life. He has not since been returned to his family.
- In 1976 As a leading member of the Soweto Black Parent's Association she was detained under the Internal Security Act from October to December, following which she was banned from the organisation and restricted to Orlando.
- In May 1977 She was confined to a house in Brandfort location from 6 am to 6 pm and at weekends, so had no prospect of employment. The house had no sanitation or electricity. She defied the ban after the house was petrol-bombed and returned to Soweto, only to be charged in August with another suspended sentence. Whilst in Brandfort, Winnie tirelessly immersed herself in community work and, amongst other things, founded a number of self-help schemes, as well as a mobile clinic catering for hundreds of local people, many of whom had never seen the inside of a medical unit before.
- In 1985 Winnie Mandela was forcibly removed from her Soweto house and despite the most draconian restrictions has continued to be at the forefront of the liberation struggle.

In July 1986 The South African Government confirmed that restrictions on Winnie, who was by now living in Johannesburg, had been lifted.

Throughout this time and to date, Winnie Mandela has almost continually been harrassed, and detained by the security police - resulting in 6 banning orders, 13 court appearances, but only 2 convictions were proved, which resulted in six-month suspended sentences.

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20 April 1988

THE NELSON MANDELA FREEDOM MARCH

The Nelson Mandela Freedom March will be launched at a Scotland-wide rally in Glasgow on Sunday, 12 June 1988. Addressing the rally, which starts at 3pm on Glasgow Green, will be Oliver Tambo, President of the ANC, Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, President of The Anti-Apartheid Movement and Major General Joseph N Garba, Chairman of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid and former Foreign Minister of Nigeria.

The twenty five marchers, each one symbolising one year of the 25 year imprisonment of Mandela's co-accused at the Rivonia trial, will be led by three former prisoners of the apartheid regime. These are:

- * Indres Naidoo, ANC veteran imprisoned on Robben Island with Mandela for ten years. Naidoo's remarkable story was told in Albie Sachs's book 'Island In Chains'.
- * Alan Brooks, Deputy Executive Secretary of The Anti-Apartheid Movement who, although a British subject, was imprisoned by the Pretoria regime for two years.
- * A SWAPO, ex-Robben Island prisoner from Namibia, whose identity will not be disclosed until shortly before the March commences.

A number of celebrities are expected to join the march at various points along the route - details will be announced later. Individual marchers will be sponsored by the British

Council of Churches, church organisations, national trade unions, community organisations and other anti-apartheid groups.

THE ROUTE

Glasgow is an appropriate place for the start of the March as, not only was it the first place to honour Nelson Mandela with the Freedom of the City, but it was also where The Lord Provost launched the world-wide Mayor's Declaration endorsed by over 4,000 mayors in 56 countries; where the then President of the ANC, Chief Albert Luthuli, was elected Rector of Glasgow University in 1962 and where Winnie Mandela is the current Rector.

Highlights of the 590 mile route will include:

Durham	22 June	The Bishop of Durham will join the march at Durham, where Archbishop Tutu is a Freeman of the city
York	26 June	Choral send-off and mass entry into Leeds
Coventry	9 July	Cathedral service

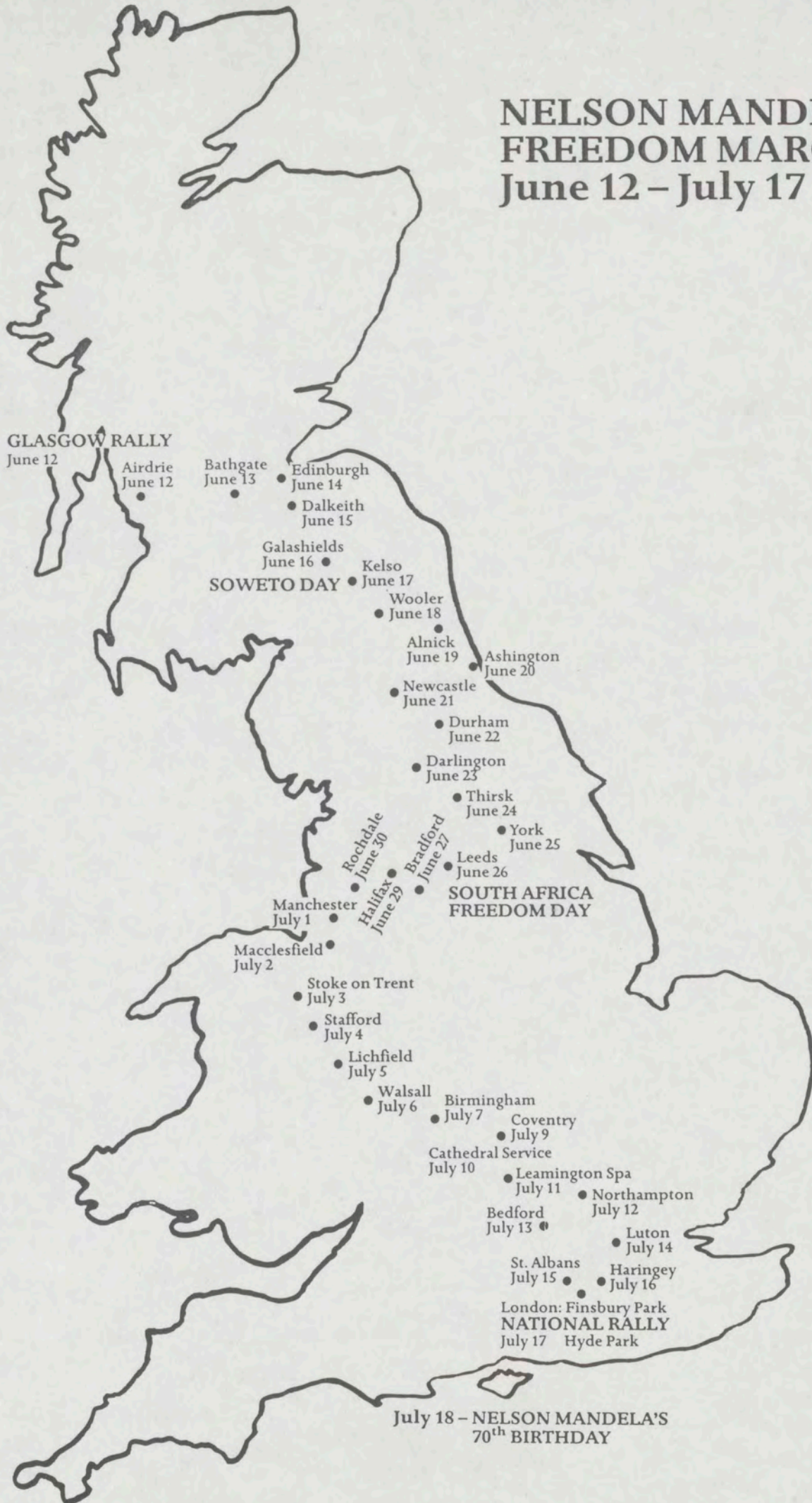
The marchers will enter London on Saturday 16th July, and will proceed through Mrs Thatcher's Finchley constituency, en route for Finsbury Park. The following day, on Sunday 17th July, tens of thousands of marchers will join the 25 from Glasgow for the final leg of the march to The Nelson Mandela Freedom Rally in Hyde Park.

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NELSON MANDELA FREEDOM MARCH June 12 – July 17



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70th Birthday Tribute

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MORE MAJOR ARTISTS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MANDELA

Yet more major artists are set to perform at THE NELSON MANDELA 70TH BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE at Wembley Stadium on June 11th. Billed as the largest musical event in the world since Live Aid, Phil Collins, Midge Ure, Paul Young, Chubby Checker, Bryan Adams, Little Steven, Roberta Flack, Natalie Cole and Joan Armatrading are just some of the major international artists to join those already playing at the tribute to Nelson Mandela, who has been imprisoned in South Africa for 25 years.

The ten hour concert which will be hosted by celebrity guests, such as Harry Belafonte, Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Connolly, Gregory Hines and Denzel Washington, will be given live coverage in the UK by BBC2 and Radio 1. It will also be beamed by satellite around the world, making this the largest ever musical event on international television and radio.

The list of artists confirmed so far includes:

DIRE STRAITS, WHITNEY HOUSTON, SIMPLE MINDS, EURYTHMICS, GEORGE MICHAEL, CHRISSIE HYNDE, UB40, LITTLE STEVEN, BEE GEES, JOAN ARMATRADING, PHIL COLLINS, MIDGE URE, FISH AND

MARK KELLY from MARILLION, BRYAN ADAMS, CURT SMITH, ROBERTA FLACK, FREDDIE JACKSON, NATALIE COLE, ASHFORD AND SIMPSON, AL GREEN, JOE COCKER, CHUBBY CHECKER, DEREK B, THE FAT BOYS, SALT 'N' PEPA, SLY AND ROBBIE, MAXI PRIEST, HUGH MASEKELA, MIRIAM MAKEBA, DAVID SANBORN, PAUL CARRACK AND JESSYE NORMAN.

In addition, the world renowned ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATRE will be making their first appearance in the United Kingdom since 1973.

Each artist will be performing specially rehearsed sets, with surprise guest appearances throughout the show. Some of world's biggest names will be performing together onstage for the first time.

Already two 'super groups' are shaping up:

Midge Ure, Bryan Adams, Paul Young, Curt Smith, Phil Collins, Joan Armatrading, Bee Gees, Paul Carrack and Fish and Mark Kelly from Marillion, will be forming one heavyweight line-up.

Freddie Jackson, Roberta Flack, Natalie Cole, Ashford & Simpson, Al Green, Joe Cocker and Musical Director HB Barnum will be making up an unprecedented soul band.

With four weeks still to go, more and more artists are committing themselves to the concert, which will undoubtedly focus world attention on the campaign and galvanize global pressure for Mandela's release.

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70th Birthday Tribute

ARTISTS AGAINST APARTHEID

Artists Against Apartheid is the British contribution to the worldwide movement of artists and performers who are supporting, through their art, the struggle of the people of South Africa and Namibia against apartheid.

It was established in 1986 following the success of the U.S. based Artists Against Apartheid and the "I Ain't Gonna Play Sun-City" record.

A quarter of a million people attended the first freedom festival on Clapham Common in June 1986.

In addition to those appearing in the Nelson Mandela 70th Birthday Tribute, the following artists are amongst those that have performed benefit concerts under the banner of Artists Against Apartheid:

Elvis Costello

Style Council

Boy George

The Communards

Pet Shop Boys

Peter Gabriel

Sting

Gary Kemp of Spandau Ballet

The Smiths

Sade

Madness

Paul Young

UB40

The Pogues

Terence Trent D'Arby

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HISTORY OF THE CAMPAIGN TO RELEASE NELSON MANDELA

There can be few, if any, political prisoners whose name is so universally known as that of Nelson Mandela. The United Nations Security Council, the Commonwealth, the European Council, indeed statesmen from both West and East, North and South, are united in seeking his release. Yet Mandela remains incarcerated in Pretoria's dungeons.

Hardly a day has gone by in the last 25 years without an event, somewhere in the world, whose aim was to renew and add support to the international campaign for Mandela's release. Pressure on the South African Government to unconditionally set him free is constant, however, this attention is undoubtedly increased with the advent of each anniversary of his imprisonment.

The first international initiative to secure Mandela's release was in October 1963, at the beginning of the Rivonia Trial, when the 'World Campaign for the Release of South African Political Prisoners', which was launched, in London, with Jeremy Thorpe as Secretary, saved Mandela and his co-accused from the gallows.

In 1980, the independence of Zimbabwe gave new impetus to

the campaign for Mandela's release. Grassroots organisations throughout South Africa started pressing the Government. The Sunday Post newspaper, under the editorship of the late Percy Qoboza, gave the campaign a national focus, when it published a powerful editorial calling for his release and organised a petition which collected approximately 100,000 signatures, in just a few weeks. They were all working towards the same end.

This new campaign inside South Africa was echoed internationally. In June 1980, both the United Nations Security Council and the European Parliament unanimously called for Mandela's release. And then it really gathered momentum, with numerous honours being bestowed on the imprisoned man, by countless organisations. Glasgow was the first to make Mandela a Freeman of the City in 1981, after which many others followed suit. In that same year, the Lord Provost of Glasgow initiated an appeal for the immediate release of Nelson, which was endorsed by over 2,000 Mayors from all over the world.

On the 5th of August 1982, which marked 20 years of Mandela's continuous imprisonment, Oliver Tambo, the President of the African National Congress, launched a call for an intensified, universal campaign. In response, over a million people signed an international petition, which was presented by Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, the President of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, to the United Nations Secretary-General in October 1984.

In the most recent period, the campaign has moved to an even higher level, with a concerted effort by the Commonwealth and the European Council to seek Mandela's release. The

Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group on Southern Africa met Nelson twice in Pollsmoor Prison, during its attempts, in 1986, to promote dialogue between the regime and genuine representatives of the black majority. Two delegations from the European Council, the first led by Luxembourg Foreign Minister Monsieur M Poos, in 1985 and the second by Sir Geoffrey Howe in 1986, both visited South Africa to press for Mandela's release. The struggle continues.

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MANDELA'S CO-ACCUSED AT THE RIVONIA TRIAL

Nelson Mandela was convicted of seeking to overthrow the apartheid system, on June 11th 1964 and sentenced to life imprisonment.

His co-accused, still serving life sentences are:

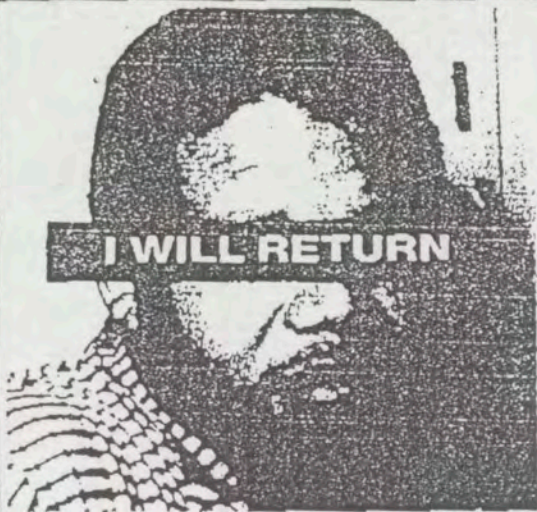
Walter Sisulu, now aged 76;
Ahmed Kathrada, now aged 58;
Andrew Mlangeni, now aged 62;
Elias Motsoaledi, now aged 63;
Raymond Mhlaba, now aged 68.

Also accused with Mandela were:

Rusty Bernstein (who was acquitted);
Denis Golberg (released on 28th February 1985, now living in Britain);
Govan Mbeki (who was released on 5th November 1987, and is living under draconian restrictions in Port Elizabeth, South Africa).

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT RECEIVED
FOR NELSON MANDELA FREEDOM AT 70 CAMPAIGN

- From:
1. Mrs. Winnie Mandela
 2. Mr. Oliver Tambo, President African National Congress
 3. His Excellency Mr. Javier Perez De Cuellar, Secretary-General of the United Nations
 4. His Excellency Sir Shridath Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary-General
 5. His Excellency Major-General J.N Garba, Chairman U.N. Special Committee Against Apartheid
 6. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC MP Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
 7. The Rt. Hon. Neil Kinnock, MP Leader of the Opposition
 8. The Rt. Hon. David Steel MP
 9. Rev. Dr. Philip Morgan, General Secretary The British Council of Churches
 10. Mr. Norman Willis, General Secretary TUC
 11. The Rt. Hon. Lord Barber
 12. Sir Richard Attenborough CBE



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I am delighted to send this message for the launch of the NELSON MANDELA: FREEDOM AT 70 CAMPAIGN and to express my deepest appreciation to Father Huddleston for his role in initiating this unique campaign.

This year on the 18 July, my husband NELSON ROLIHLAHLA MANDELA will be 70. He has already spent 25 years in continuous incarceration. Exactly one week before his birthday will be the 25th anniversary of the raid on Lilliesleaf farm at Rivonia where Walter Sisulu and the other co-accused in the Rivonia Trial were arrested. They too will then have spent a quarter century behind apartheid's bars.

Both of us genuinely appreciate the tremendous efforts which have been made in the past to promote the campaign for his release and all other prisoners of apartheid. I urge everyone of goodwill in Britain and the world over to give their support to this campaign so that it can achieve its objective in securing the release of Mandela and all political prisoners on his 70th birthday. Last month we saw the impact of international solidarity when the Sharpeville Six were granted a stay of execution at the eleventh hour. If we are to avert a disaster in our country then the doors of apartheid's goals must be unlocked and the prisoners freed. If everyone who supports the unconditional release of Mandela were to decide that now is the time then we could achieve this aim.

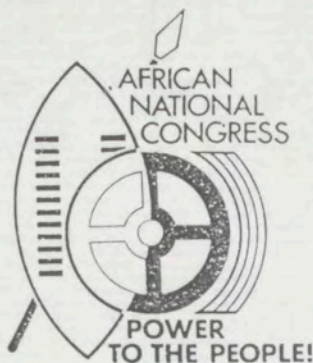
I want to send a special message of thanks to Artists Against Apartheid and all those participating in the 70th Birthday tribute at Wembly on 11 June. Jerry Dammer's record "Free Nelson Mandela" made a tremendous impact across the world and was a wonderful source of encouragement to us all. It is hard to believe that some of the most prominent musicians from all over the world are coming together to pay tribute to Mandela. It will be a wonderful birthday present for him to know just how powerful the Free Nelson Mandela campaign has become.

I also want to thank those participating in the Nelson Mandela Freedom march from Glasgow to London. We will be following their progress closely and hope that the final leg will be a really massive demonstration against apartheid.

But the most important message that I want to send is one of confidence in our ultimate freedom. The regime's most recent draconian crackdown against the UDF, COSATU, the Release Mandela Campaign and other anti-apartheid organisations simply reveals its weakness not its strength. The time is surely near when we will live in a democratic and non racial South Africa as envisaged in the Freedom Charter, and we will be able to welcome Father Huddleston and all our exiles and friends back into our midst.

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NELSON MANDELA : FREEDOM AT 70 CAMPAIGN.

We warmly welcome the launching of the "Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70" campaign by the British Anti-Apartheid Movement. Your initiative will reinforce the world-wide movement of support for that gallant leader of the people of South Africa in their legitimate struggle for the eradication of the criminal apartheid system that has cost so much in human life and property in South Africa and the whole of Southern Africa.

We are confident that this campaign will further strengthen the international demand, not only for the unconditional release of all political prisoners and detainees, but also for the imposition of comprehensive mandatory sanctions against apartheid South Africa.

Oliver Tambo, President African National Congress.



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WITH REFERENCE TO THE "NELSON MANDELA: FREEDOM AT 70" CAMPAIGN, I AM PLEASED TO SEND YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

"ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAUNCHING OF THE BRITISH ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT'S "NELSON MANDELA: FREEDOM AT 70" CAMPAIGN, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR AND APPRECIATION OF YOUR MOVEMENT'S SUSTAINED AND INVALUABLE EFFORTS TO ATTAIN THE RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA, A LEADER OF WORLD ACCLAIM. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAVE LONG BEEN CALLING FOR HIS RELEASE AS THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY ASSIST THE PROCESS OF PEACEFUL TRANSFORMATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF NELSON MANDELA AND OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THAT COUNTRY."

JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR
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NELSON MANDELA: FREEDOM AT 70

Statement by the Commonwealth Secretary-General

On 18 July, Nelson Mandela will turn 70. He will have spent twenty-five of those seventy years in prison, first on Robben Island, now in Pollsmoor. The case for his release, always compelling, is now imperative: the international community, and the oppressed people of South Africa, demand it.

Nelson Mandela has always been central to any peaceful resolution of the South African issue. His role remains crucial to a negotiated settlement. His release, along with that of other political prisoners, is therefore one of the necessary pre-conditions for the beginning of genuine negotiations between the black majority and the South African Government. By continuing to hold him captive in Pollsmoor the regime not only affronts human decency, it sets its face firmly against a peaceful resolution of the worsening crisis of apartheid. But if the regime is to be compelled to effect the immediate release of Nelson Mandela and the other political prisoners, the international community must act in an effective manner against Pretoria. Anything short of this is appeasement by another name.

I wish this campaign by the Anti-Apartheid Movement to help secure the release of Nelson Mandela every success and I look forward to playing my part in some of the many activities planned. The campaign will be not only a massive tribute to a noble leader of his people, wrongly imprisoned and much abused, but also an affirmation that there is a peaceful road to fundamental change in South Africa which the apartheid regime could still choose to take, even at this late hour.



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MOVEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAUNCH OF THE "NELSON MANDELA:
FREEDOM AT 70" CAMPAIGN

"I am pleased to associate myself and the United Nations Special
Committee against Apartheid fully with the "Nelson Mandela: Freedom
at 70" Campaign which you are launching on behalf of the Anti-
Apartheid Movement.

"The United Nations fully supports the international campaign for the
immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all
prisoners of Apartheid.

"The United Nations Security Council since 1964 has repeatedly called
upon the South African authorities to release Nelson Mandela, and all
UN member states, with the exception of South Africa, fully support
this objective.

"On July 18th this year Nelson Mandela will celebrate his 70th birthday.
We must be tireless in our efforts to secure his freedom before this
date. The international community must no longer tolerate his
incarceration in the dungeons of apartheid.

"The United Nations Special Committee has worked persistently to
promote the campaign for the release of all political prisoners in
South Africa and Namibia. It has welcomed the actions of so many cities,
universities and other institutions which have honoured Nelson Mandela
and other opponents of apartheid.

"The 70th birthday of Nelson Mandela will provide an opportunity to
dramatically intensify the international campaign for his release. I am
therefore especially encouraged by the ambitious programme of activities
being planned for the "Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70" Campaign. The
United Nations Special Committee fully supports this Campaign and will
do its utmost to promote support for its objectives by United Nations
member states, anti-apartheid movements, and all non-governmental
organisations.

"I wish you every success in your noble work."

Major-General J N Garba

Chairman

UN Special Committee against Apartheid



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From the Secretary of State

Dear Archbishop

As you know, the Government have long called for the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners in South Africa. We shall continue to press the South African Government to take this step and I am glad of the opportunity to restate our position on the occasion of your renewed campaign for Mr Mandela's release.

GEOFFREY HOWE

Geoffrey Howe

Most Rev'd Trevor Huddleston CR



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Leader of The Opposition

MESSAGE FROM RT HON NEIL KINNOCK MP
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

It is a tragedy and an outrage that Nelson Mandela has been in prison for 25 years. It is a crime against humanity for the South African Government to keep him there because they fear his work for humanity.

On behalf of the Labour Party I welcome the campaign plans announced by the Anti-Apartheid Movement today. Mandela has endured with fortitude an experience which would have made others bitter and vengeful. Throughout his ordeal he has remained true to the ideals of non-racialism and democracy, the two principles that are at the heart of the struggle of the African National Congress and of its vision of a free South Africa. He has inspired generations across all continents. The apartheid regime has locked up his body but his soul has gone marching around the world.

This campaign must be the occasion to signal renewed support for the ideals that sustain Nelson Mandela's spirit. It must signify contempt for the prejudice and cruelty which keeps him in jail. It must arouse even greater support for the cause of freedom in South Africa and Namibia and positive international action to squeeze apartheid. But above all I hope that it will result in freedom for Nelson Mandela by the time of his birthday on July 18.

We campaigned to save the lives of Nelson, Walter Sisulu and the other Rivonia trialists at the time of their trial in 1963 and 1964. We have worked since to secure their freedom. Now we must succeed in gaining liberation for these fine men and the great cause to which they have given their lives.

THE RT. HON. DAVID STEEL, M.P.



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Message for Anti-Apartheid Movement
Freedom at 70 Campaign

I should like to give my wholehearted support to the Nelson Mandela Freedom at 70 Campaign. Those who are working for the overthrow of the evil system of apartheid know how much they owe to Nelson Mandela and his wife Winnie. He is the focus of hope for the oppressed people of South Africa, and only when he is free can we see a glimmer of hope for peace and justice in that troubled country. I wish the campaign every success.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Steel".

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BCC Calls for Release of Nelson Mandela

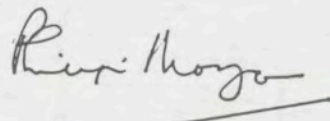
The British Council of Churches notes that Mr Nelson Mandela is due to celebrate his 70th birthday on the 18th July.

British churches have participated in the worldwide call for the release of Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners, the unbanning of the Liberation Movements and the introduction of a democratic political process in which all can equally share. As representatives of British churches we are convinced that the cause of the ANC, which Mr Mandela heads, is just. We support that cause.

If the South African authorities are serious about holding meaningful negotiations with representatives of South Africa's disenfranchised majority, then the release of Mr Mandela is an essential pre-condition for this. Every day in which he languishes in jail diminishes the possibility of a non-violent solution being found for an acceptable and just re-distribution of power within South Africa.

The BCC will continue to urge the South African authorities to release Mr Mandela and all political prisoners. We shall also continue to call upon Her Majesty's Government to bring greater economic and political pressure to bear upon Pretoria so as to encourage his release.

The BCC commends the forthcoming campaign of the Anti-Apartheid Movement for Nelson Mandela's release and is willing to act as a sponsor.



Rev Dr Philip Morgan
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Nelson Mandela Freedom at Seventy Campaign

Message by Norman Willis, General Secretary TUC

I welcome the opportunity on behalf of the General Council and of British trade unionists to associate myself with the Nelson Mandela Freedom at Seventy Campaign. The TUC is glad to publicise the campaign among British trade unions and I am confident that many trade union members will participate in the events being organised around the seventieth birthday of Nelson Mandela on July 18.

The General Council and successive TUC congresses have called for the release of Nelson Mandela. Simple humanity demands that a leader who has already spent half a lifetime in prison for opposing the hated apartheid system should be released. But more importantly, the release of Nelson Mandela and of all political prisoners - including trade unionist detainees - and the unbanning of political parties and full exercise of trade union rights are a minimum precondition to starting the dialogue essential for any hope of a reasonably peaceful transition to a free and democratic South Africa.

I wish the campaign every success in bringing the shame of apartheid in South Africa and Namibia again to the fore of public opinion. That is vital to overcome the censorship and news blackout imposed by the apartheid regime. And I hope that as a result massive public opinion will be enlisted to press the British Government to act decisively against the regime. The Government must be persuaded to support comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa. Sanctions must be applied until the regime abandons apartheid policies and observes human rights at home, releases its illegal grip on Namibia, and ceases its vicious aggression against neighbouring countries.

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From
THE RT. HON. LORD BARBER
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Most Revd. Trevor Huddleston CR.,
13 Mandela Street,
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Dear Father Huddleston,

"I met Nelson Mandela on two occasions, and spent almost three hours with him. He is a remarkable man; intelligent, articulate and an obvious leader.

Nelson Mandela is a man I trust and I believe that, had the South African government accepted the concept which we put forward, he would have used all his efforts to bring an end to violence during the negotiations which we proposed.

How I wish that the South African government would have the courage to set him free".

*Eric ...
Ambassador*

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Nelson Mandela: Freedom at 70 Campaign

The current situation in South Africa matches that in Nazi Germany half a century ago. The swastikas, the armbands, the jackboots and a massive armoury are already in evidence. Fascists grow bolder and more vociferous with each day that passes. Meanwhile, young black people see no hope of ameliorating the oppressions of apartheid that, by law, deem they shall be second class citizens all their lives. To die protesting may be more enticing than to live in such poverty, such bigotry, such hopelessness.

So the scenario for another holocaust is prepared and, unless something is done and done swiftly, hundreds of thousands - even millions - will die.

In these circumstances can we stand idle? Have we learned nothing in the last fifty years? Are we again ready to condone appeasement of a regime poised to commit genocide?

If not, we must do everything in our power to force the South African government to release Nelson Mandela and sit with him and other leaders at the negotiating table. That Mandela has been behind bars for quarter of a century is appalling. That he should remain there, unable to help pull his country from the edge of the abyss, is unthinkable. The world must take up the cry:

Free Nelson Mandela now.

Richard Attenborough

Tekst voor kort speechje bij de overhandiging.

I am D.P. I am a representative of the AA of the Netherlands. I am here because your husband N.M., leader of the african national congress has his birthday on monday.

For this very special occasion the AAM asked the Dutch people to send greetings to him. They have responded to this appeal in an overwhelming way. In a few weeks more than hundred and thirty thousand greetings arrived in our office. From all over the country; from little villages, provincial towns and from the urban areas. Thousands and thousands of greetings, letters, poems and songs came in daily from ordinary people ranging in age from five till eighty years. What struck us as very moving is that people tried to express, even in english, their deepest feelings of solidarity with your struggle. In their own words they expressed abhorrence of apartheid and they showed their love and admiration for Nelson Mandela.

These feelings are deeply rooted amongst the people of the Netherlands because of our tradition of fighting against racism and fascism. Not only during the second world war but also afterwards and at present. A good example of this is that so many school- children, whole classes with their teachers sent in greetings and drawings. The messages of these children, so well reasoned, give us hope for a future without racism and fascism. I would like to mention one school in particular and that is the Nelson Mandela school in Rotterdam.

People from all walks of life reacted. We got letters from boys in prison, from sportclubs, resolutions from city councils and many parishes from small towns send in collectively their congratulations and prayers.

Mrs. Mandela : on behalf of the Dutch AA and all people in Holland who have sent cards I would like to convey our warmest feelings of solidarity and congratulations with the 70 th birthday of your husband Nelson Mandela. He is for us the inspiring symbol of the struggle against apartheid and for freedom and democracy in South Africa. His name is a household word for millions of people all over the world, also in the Netherlands. His name stands for freedom, human dignity, courage and a society worthwhile to live in; In South Africa, in the Netherlands and in the whole world.

I hereby handover to you symbolically the cards and greetings.

**'MAN'S AUGUST CLAIMS ARE BORN
OF EARNEST STRUGGLE'**

FREDERICK DOUGLAS (SLAVE SON)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**NELSON
ROLIHLAHLA
MANDELA**

We, the undersigned Dutch organisations, congratulate the South African people on the 70th birthday of their most famous son and leader, NELSON ROLIHLAHLA MANDELA.

We look forward to the day when we will receive you as the free leader of a free and independent people.

We hope your leadership capabilities will be of service to us all in our lifetime, in a free South Africa.

Holland Committee on Southern Africa, Amsterdam; Working Group Kairos, Utrecht;
Interchurch Co-ordination for Development Projects, Zeist; Missionair Centrum, Heerlen;
Humanistisch Overleg Mensenrechten, Utrecht; Stichting Ideeële Import, Amsterdam;
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Centres for Development Co-Operation, Cos, In several cities:
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Dear mr. Ayob

The Foreign Office of the Dutch Government instructed its embassy in Pretoria to be present during the handover of the greetings by Mrs. Posthumus. Contact person is Mr. Schulten.

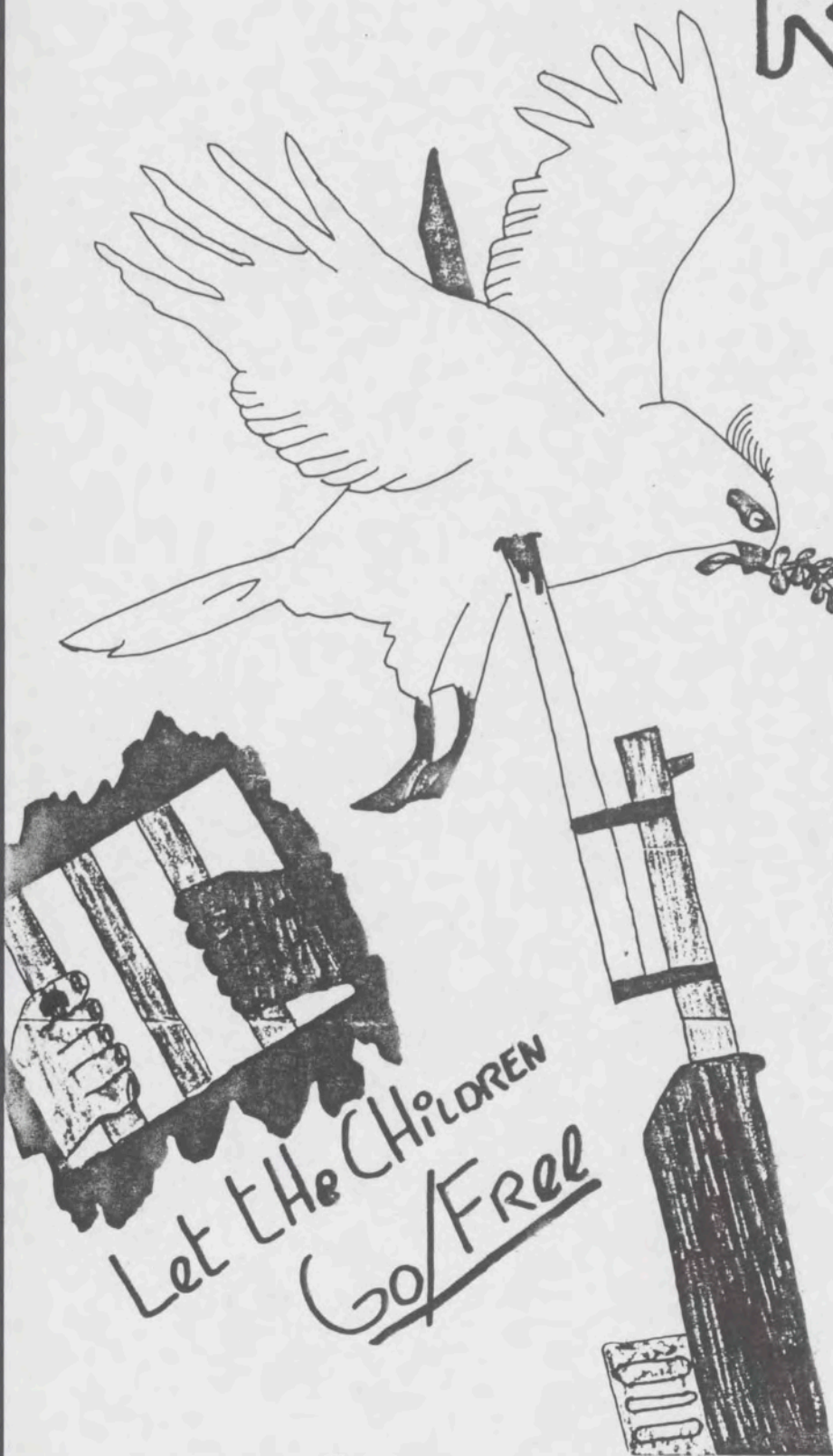
The greetings will arrive on Friday 13.00 hours by flight KL 591., in 11 post bags. In bag number 3 we put in the nicest selection, drawings made by children and cards with English text. The embassy will fetch the bags from the airport. (airway bill 107889722)

With kind regards,

FONS GEERLINGS



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Van: Martijn Pels (13 jr.), Beverwijk