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COUNCILLOR P.R.B. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN, NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Dear Councillor Lewis,

RECORD OF WORK 1962/1966.

In response to a request of the Public Relations Officer, the attached list details the work completed by the Housing Division during the period 1962 to 1966.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF HOUSING ENGINEER.

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HOUSING DIVISION.

RECORD OF WORK COMPLETED FROM 1ST JULY 1962 TO 30TH JUNE 1966.

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W.C. BUILDINGS.	7,990	R283,591-70
HOUSES TYPE 51/6, 51/7, 51/9 51/10, L TYPE. SELF BUILDER HOUSES.	6,918) 710	
	7,628	R3,799,372-31
BRICK VENEER TIMBER HOUSES.	108	R440,107-37
SCHOOLS.	13 + 31 Additional Classrooms.	R188,472-16
SHOPS.	9	R14,284-00
PRODUCE SHEDS.	9	R1,280-00
CLINICS.	3	R38,512-44
	Cerebral Palsy	R10,926-00
ADMINISTRATION OFFICES.	4	R46,162-34
BOTTLE STORES.	8	R77,201-00
BAR LOUNGES.	2	R74,087-00
NURSERY.	1	R4,504-00
OFF SALES DEPOT.	8	R40,308-59
BEER GARDENS.	2	R7,330-85
HALLS.	Hall & Library Riverlea.	R93,946-58
POST OFFICES.	2	R42,508-26
STORE ROOM.	1	R892 – 00
LIBRARY DUBE.	1	R13,320-74
DRS' CONSULTING ROOMS.	1	R6,083-58
WORKSHOP.		R6,331-00
FENCING.		R197,403-87
SUNDRIES.		R86,775-00
Total	Value of Work	R5,473,400-79

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RECORD OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN REGARD TO FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH RESETTLEMENT OF UNPRODUCTIVE, ILLEGAL AND/OR SURPLUS URBAN BANTU, HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER 1966.

PRESENT:

Councillors: P.R.B. Lewis, Chairman of the
Non-European Affairs Committee,
H.B. Ismay, Deputy Chairman of the
Non-European Affairs Committee,
State Officials: T.P. van Onselen,
F.C.Greyvenstein,
P.A.G. Gray,
B.J. Smithers,
Council Officials: G. Owen Davies,
J.W. Atkinson,
W.J.P. Carr,
T.W.A. Koller,
J.C. de Villiers,
A.E. Steenhuizen,
C.J. Alison. (Committee Clerk).

C.J. Alison. (Committee Clerk).

Mr. van Onselen thanked the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Council representatives for arranging this meeting at such short notice. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to ask the City Council to make a contribution from its accumulated Bantu beer profits to the South African Bantu Trust for Bantu Homelands in the general interests of Bantu. He said further that the State had provided money for housing, services and amenities in urban areas and that most local authorities had completed the bulk of their housing schemes. With the recent drought experienced in the homelands the State was finding it impossible to subsidize the Bantu Homelands and provide services and amenities with funds available.

Mr. Gray said he hoped that the Council would not regard this discussion as a begging expedition but that the matter could be discussed in a friendly way. He felt that all the parties concerned wished the development of the homelands to proceed and the homelands made more attractive to the Bantu. Speaking from an administrative point of view it was one of the most important tasks to persuade Bantu that there was a prosperous future for them in the homelands and if the tempo of development were to slow down it would be more difficult to convince the Bantu that there was a future for them there.

Mr.Greyvenstein said that the Bantu homelands were being developed in stages, and inspections and reports informing local authorities of progress were made from time to time. The first stage was to develop the Bantu homelands so that they could provide for themselves. A further stage would be when they could absorb some of the surplus Bantu from the urban areas. It was in this stage that provision could be made in the homelands for unproductive, illegal and surplus Bantu to be removed from urban areas. It was in respect of these people who would have to be accommodated somewhere that the State felt that there was a moral obligation on local authorities to contribute towards this particular stage of development.

Mr. Smithers said that the question of removing Bantu to the homelands had been one of the main problems concerning his and Council officials.

Councillor Lewis said that his criticism of State policy in the past had been that too little capital had been provided to develop the homelands. He did not know whose responsibility it was to develop the homelands as the outcome of the Borkenhagen Committee which was appointed to determine the financial relationships between the Central Government, the Province and the local authority was not yet known, nor what recommendations the State would be prepared to accept. There was a deficit on the Bantu Revenue Account and the State had commented that the Account should be self-balancing and that there should be no contribution from the Rate Fund.

Continuing, Councillor Lewis referred to Mr. van Onselen's opening remarks that most local authorities had completed the bulk of their housing programmes and pointed out that the Johannesburg City Council had not reached this stage and that applications for additional housing schemes had been made and not yet approved, Pimville still had to be removed, and in addition there were 7,000 to 8,000 names on the waiting list for houses in Soweto. All new housing schemes were additional deficits on the Bantu Revenue Account.

In reply to Councillor Lewis who asked to what extent the State expected the Council to contribute to the Trust Fund, Mr. van Onselen said that it was a very difficult problem but the Council might consider contributing 50% or 33% of its accumulated Bantu beer profits.

In reply to Mr. Carr, Mr. van Onselen said that if local authorities were allowed to freely spend all their Bantu beer profits on services and amenities, better conditions would be provided in the local Bantu areas than in the Bantu homelands and it would be difficult to attract Bantu to the homelands.

Councillor Lewis asked whether the amount to be contributed would be specifically for Johannesburg Bantu or whether the contribution would go into the general funds.

Mr. van Onselen said that the State would prefer that no conditions were attached to the grant as this might create difficulties, but it was expected that the Council would be allocated a fair share of the number of Bantu to be resettled in the homelands.

In reply to Councillor Ismay, Mr. van Onselen said that the money contributed by the Council would go towards providing houses, water, sewerage and the necessary health services. The State would then provide work in commerce, agriculture and light industries for the Bantu.

Mr. Carr said that he could see some difficulty in the Council approving of a contribution because the money would be lost in a big pool and no-one would know for certain what was going to happen to it. He suggested that the Johannesburg City Council contribute an amount to be used for the development of a sister area in one of the homelands where it would be responsible for the layout, housing, welfare services and training of young Bantu. In other words Johannesburg could associate and identify itself with specific projects in the Bantu homelands.

Mr. van Onselen replied that this suggestion involved policy and he would have to discuss the matter with his Minister but stressed the point that he would prefer that no conditions were attached to the grant.

After further discussion, Councillor Lewis said that he was glad that State officials had come to discuss the matter first and said that the State should now formally write to the Council stating the purpose for which the money was required. The matter could not be considered before January 1967 as the Council was in recess.

Seasonal greetings were exchanged and the meeting terminated at 10.20 a.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT,

PRETORIA.

Enq.: F.C. Greyvenstein. Tel.: 39711 -

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The Town Clerk,

JOHANNESBURG.

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT DATE RECEI 22-12-1966 Regd. No. 401/26

Sir.

RE: SETTLEMENT OF UNPRODUCTIVE, ILLEGAL AND/OR SURPLUS URBAN BANTU - FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS.

- My evenlynumbered minute dated 20th November, 1966 refers.
- This serves to confirm the discussions which took place in the above connection on the 12th instant between representatives of your Council and officials from this Department. (Messrs. I.P. van Onselen and F.C. Greyvenstein).
- The Department wishes to place on record it's appreciation of the sympathetic manner in which your Council's representatives received the visiting officials and considered the matter in the light of their verbal information, and also for the undertaking to submit and recommend the Department's views for favourable consideration to your Council.
- 4. This also serves to confirm that the Department will be grateful to receive any contribution in cash which your Council may deem fit to make available out of accumulated surplusses in it's Bantu Revenue Account for the accelerated development of the Bantu Homelands as explained at the meeting referred to above. The Department does, however, desire that any decision your Council may arrive at in this connection should be in consultation with it's Bantu Advisory Board, despite the fact that it may be argued that such a grant ex Accumulated Surplusses in the Council's Bantu Revenue Account does not necessarily constitute expenditure for the purposes of the provisions of section 19(5) of the Urban Areas Act, 1945 (Act No. 25 of 1945, as amended).

5. For the purposes of the provisions of section 19(3)(c)(v) of the abovementioned enactment this communication serves as written approval of the Honourable the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development for any cash grant from accumulated Bantu Beer profits towards the development of the Bantu Homelands as being in the general interests of the Bantu.

6. During the discussions referred to above an interesting aspect of financial support for the development of the Bantu Homelands was raised, viz. whether a local authority would be allowed to commit any surplusses in it's Bantu Revenue Account to the development of any particular project/s in any particular Bantu Homeland area/s, and thereby such local authority being able to associate and identify it's urban Bantu population with specific development projects in a Bantu Homeland. This aspect of the matter has been discussed with the Honourable the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, and he has intimated that the thought is not without merit. The Department will therefore be glad to receive your Council's proposals in this connection at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

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SECRETARY FOR BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

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