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18 April 1984.

DA 199  
The Minister  
MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
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Dear Sir

Re:Housing in the Black Townships

We acknowledge receipt of your letters dated 27 January 1984 and 22 March 1984 respectively, reference number M3/ 4 / 11 / 4.

This is now our third letter to you appealing for the following,inter alia:

- 1.That rents for Makaanaskop Extension I must be reduced to R38.19 for all tenants irrespective of their monthly incomes.  
A petition to this effect was signed and submitted to you for your approval, but the two replies from your Department have given us no hope because each time we write to you we are told that "the matter is still receiving attention and a further reply will follow as soon as possible."
  - 2.That all tenants in all the other Black townships must be exempted from paying the new service charges and be allowed to pay the pre-August 1983 service charges.We are strongly opposed to the following reply of the Rhini Council:  
"...we will consider writing the charges off in part or in full- according to the merits of each individual case."
- This is an attempt to divide the residents against their common grievances,frustrations and daily constraints.
- 3.That at least 4,000 houses must be built immediately to help alleviate the shortage of houses for Blacks in Grahamstown.
  - 4.That money for building the houses in the townships must not come from the Black people who are already overloaded, but from the Government of the people for all the people.
  - 4.That a community hall must be built for the residents of Tanty Location as soon as possible this year.

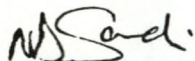
Please, Sir, read the enclosed articles and other documents and let us have your comments.

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Please, Sir , kindly consider the case of the Grahamstown Black people which is aggravating everyday, with all your necessary sense of perspective, judgement, sympathy and humanity.

Hoping to hear from you very soon in our attempts for the better future of the community.

Yours faithfully

  
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Secretary: N. D. SANDI

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