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Dear Sir

REMISSION/PAROLE : PRISONER SAUL BATZOFIN

- Count One : 18 months imprisonment:  
According to Section 126(A)(7) of the Defence Force Act (Act 44/1957) no remission or parole can be granted to the prisoner as his release is his own prerogative.  
Count two : R100-00 or 50 days imprisonment.  
Seventeen days remission was granted to him.
- Mr Saul Batzofin will be released unconditionally on 15 November 1990.

Yours faithfully

14<sup>th</sup> October D

Lieutenant-Colonel

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17 October, 1989

Paul Boulle,  
c/o COSG,  
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Kengray 2100,  
South Africa.

Dear Paul,

Thank you for helping to set up a discussion on C.O. issues recently for a group of Mennonite workers. The group really appreciated their time in Johannesburg in general, and found the discussion with the C.O. group very helpful. We have found that it is helpful for persons working in neighbouring countries to have such an exposure to South Africa, and especially to issues and groups with which we have a history of relationship, and thank you for helping to make that possible. We personally are restricted and cannot travel in South Africa, but would welcome the chance to reciprocate in some way if folks from your group are ever in our area. Our closest contact with C.O. issues has been through Richard and Anita in Durban, but MCC as an organization has had long contact with the issue.

Once again, many thanks. Please accept this small token of our appreciation for your help, and we wish you strength as you continue struggling for a just society.

Sincerely,

*Judy for*

Bob Herr, Judy Zimmerman Herr,  
MCC Regional Coordinators.

*Mandy*

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17 -10- 1989

Dear Mr and Mrs Bruce

REPRESENTATIONS : YOUR SON, MR DAVID BRUCE

Pursuant to my Private Secretary's letter of 2 August 1989, I wish to inform you that I have now had the opportunity to attend to your request.

According to the release policy pertaining to prisoners sentenced in terms of Section 126 A(1)(a) of the Defence Act, 1957 (Act No 44 of 1957), Mr Bruce does not qualify for remission of sentence nor does he qualify for release on parole. He can, however, be released before his sentence expires, should he undertake to do his military service.

I regret that I cannot be of more assistance.

Yours faithfully

H J COETSEE MP  
MINISTER OF JUSTICE

95 Yeo Street  
Yeoville  
2198 SOUTH AFRICA  
27 October, 1989

Dear Maggie,

Hi! I hope you are well. I was very sorry not to see you when you were out, but I gather we were both on the road at much the same time and always in different centres from each other.

I am well and am enjoying my work very much. I have been lucky in that I started at a time when there was a lot happening and consequently a lot to do. My time was very taken up with this national conference that has just happened and I'm sure that the consultative process that we have embarked upon will also take up a good deal of my time. Hopefully Dave Schmidt will be joining me fulltime in that work. He stops his community service at the end of this month and is anticipating a few free months before they work out whether or not to prosecute him. He is considering working fulltime for this new initiative which we hopefully will be getting off the ground in about June next year.

Jacqui and Paul have been great in helping me settle in to Jhb life, and so far it has been going fine. It makes it much easier being able to travel and so pop back to Cape Town every now and then. I am living in Yeoville in a very nice house - spacious and with a garden - so things have generally worked out very well.

Please give my love to Mari and to John, and I do hope to see you next time you are in this part of the world.

Much love

95 Yeo Street  
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2198 SOUTH AFRICA  
28 October, 1989

Dear Franz and Hans-Dietter

Hi, and how are you both doing? I hope everything is going well in Offenbach and Berlin. I am very well and have been enjoying my work and getting used to living in Johannesburg. COSG now has an office and phone, so I am more contactable than previously and so hopefully that will mean more regular international contact. If you ever need anything, information, etc. please do not hesitate to ask.

Alastair is still in London and working for the CIIR - the Catholic Institute for International Relations. He seems well and happy and says that he will probably be returning to SA in February next year. Rob is also well and is getting used to being a father. His daughter Joanna is now about two months old.

I am writing this from Cape Town as I came down for a conference here. It is good being able to see Cape Town friends and to catch up with their news. Dave Schmidt is well. He will be handing in his resignation this week and will be stopping his community service at the end of November. He still owes about 13 months, so if they decide to prosecute him, he will face 13 months imprisonment. Once he has left the City Council, he will probably work with me on this new initiative we are hoping to start.

Doug Torr has still heard nothing from the SADF, following his refusal to serve. He has decided to hold any further campaign plans at this stage while he waits to hear from them.

I saw Mark Patrick two days ago and he is also well. He is living in Cape Town and specialising in paediatrics at a childrens' hospital here. He is having to work very hard but seems to be enjoying it. He was one of the spokespeople at the press conference that was held when the register was launched.

If either of you have time, it would be great to hear news from you. You probably heard that Mick Pludemann's brother Peter won his appeal which was a great relief for them all. If you see Mick Franz, please give him my love.

Lots of love to you both. Do keep in touch.

95 Yeo Street  
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2198 SOUTH AFRICA  
27 October 1989

Dear Howard

So sorry about the lack of prior warning re the stand. There were a few overextended people and bad communication between them and myself and hence just the one late briefing.

I now have an office and telephone so am much more contactable and hopefully international contact will become more regular and smoother running. If I can help with anything, info etc., please do ask.

I hope all is going well at 55 Dawes Street. It all seems like a very exciting, but far distant, past event for me and it seems quite strange that Ali is still in London. Please give my love to Ron and Chris. I hope they are both well and happy.

I am writing this from Cape Town, having come down for a week. Being able to travel around the country is one of the very nice aspects to my job, as it gives me the chance to keep in touch with friends. Everyone here seems fine. Dave Schmidt stops his community service end of this month so has set up a campaign group and is planning how best to publicise his stand. He is still liable for 13 months if they decide to follow up his refusal. If they do decide to prosecute it will not be for a few months, and in the interim Dave will be working for the new initiative I mention in the general letter. It will be great for me as otherwise the bulk of that work would have fallen on me. It will also be great having someone else fulltime in this area.

Doug Torr still hasn't heard anything from the military following his refusal to serve. He has now decided not to push them but to give the matter 6 months when he will reassess what to do if there has still been no response from them. It is for that reason that I didn't mention him in the general letter because at this stage I don't think that publicity will necessarily be helpful if they want the option of letting the whole affair pass by.

The national conference which I mention in the general letter was quite hard work, and at times quite polarised. Still perhaps that was inevitable as the issues were quite difficult. We were trying to assess the past year as well as trying to read the present context, changes in the military terrain, etc. and then in the light of all that, decide whether there was space for a new organisation, and if so

what type of organisation it should be. We concluded that we do need a new national organisation but that it should be broader than ECC and so we need a long period of consultation with other groupings. Our only bottom line in the process of consultation, is that we are talking about an anti-apartheid organisation which will focus on conscription issues. It is all quite exciting, and we will keep you informed.

Howard, two queries. - Firstly whether you know which country has been decided upon as the focus for International CO day next year. Please let us know asap, as we are trying to decide whether to ask an Israeli objector out next year, and our decision partly depends on that. - Secondly, would it be possible for our three regions to receive WRI News. The addresses are:

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P.O.Box 591 2100 KENGRAY	COSG - The Ecumenical Centre 52 St. Andrews Street 4001 DURBAN	P.O.BOX 13032 7700 MOWBRAY

Please let me know if there is a cost involved, and I will send you that for all the regions.

Many thanks and keep well.

Much love

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