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Dear Comrade:-

In the first place, I am writing to send you my very best congratulations for being elected President of the Natal African National Congress. I shall follow your work in Congress in the same manner as I did appreciate your successful achievements in the I.C.U.

The object of my writing to you this time is to ask for your kind help. Many requests I have received in the past to write up the "History of the I.C.U.". I have already begun writing up this most interesting of all stories connected with the sub-continent. As you know yourself that it is big and interesting job to write. Since you linked with the Movement in 1925, important development occurred. I shall be grateful therefore if you could spare me with some materials of great interest in our history which I may have forgotten. I would appreciate greatly if you could forward to me say old copies of the "Workers Herald" in which I described fighting of my ban to enter Natal in 1926. Newspapers cutting reporting it will also be appreciated. As we both are still alive, it is better that one of us should undertake to write up the true story of the I.C.U. What I have written so far is very interesting indeed.

I know you are a very busy personality, but, I would earnestly request you to spare some few moments in your spare time to send me materials desired by me. Perhaps, in the near future, I may arrange to visit Durban to see you in person so that you can see what I have already accomplished in writing up the story of the Organisation that once shook the sub-continent of Africa.

I pray that in the near future, I may be privileged to receive your kind co-operation.

With kindest regards in which Mrs Kadalic joins me.

Yours very sincerely,

Clarence Kadalic
General Secretary.

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