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MEMORANDUM TO ALEXIS HERMAN

FROM: Flo McAfee 
RE: South Africa Press Release

I wrote the attached release and gave it to Maria Tio. On Friday, she sent it by fax to 105 African-American newspapers (those with faxes). On Monday, additional info along with a photo will be delivered to Jet.

cc: Steve Hilton

**THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF MEDIA AFFAIRS**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 7, 1993

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PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION ATTENDS OLIVER TAMBO FUNERAL

Washington, DC----President Clinton sent a 13-member delegation to South Africa to represent him at the funeral of Oliver R. Tambo, former president of the African National Congress (ANC). The delegation attended the May 2 funeral services held at FNB Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa. As head of the delegation, Secretary of Housing and Human Services Donna E. Shalala, who knew Mr. Tambo, delivered a message on behalf of President Clinton to the crowd of mourners including Nelson Mandela, Mr. Tambo's wife, Adelaide, his family and friends from throughout the world. Other members of the delegation who spoke during the services included Maya Angelou who recited a poem and Reverend Jesse Jackson.

The official delegation included:

Head of Delegation

Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna E. Shalala

Members of the Delegation

The Honorable Princeton N. Lyman, American Ambassador to South Africa
Dr. Maya Angelou, Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wakeforest University
Mr. Ernest G. Green, Managing Director, Lehman Brothers
The Honorable Nadine Hack, New York City Commissioner for the UN
Mr. Steve Hilton, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director, White House
Office of Public Liaison
Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, President, National Rainbow Coalition
Ms. Avis LaVelle, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services
Mr. William Lucy, International Secretary Treasurer of AFSCME
Mr. William Lynch, Campaign Manager for Mayor David Dinkins
Ms. Lorraine Miller, Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs
Mr. Randall Robinson, Executive Director, TransAfrica
Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), U.S. House of Representatives

Accompanying members of the delegation were Ms. Flo McAfee, Associate Director for the White House Office of Public Liaison and Ms. Ertharin Cousin of the Democratic National Committee.

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**STATEMENT BY SECRETARY DONNA E. SHALALA
HEAD OF THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION
TO THE FUNERAL OF FORMER
PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
MR. OLIVER R. TAMBO**

**FNB STADIUM
JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

MAY 2, 1993

President Mandela, members of the Tambo family, members of the ANC Executive Committee, Reverend clergy, distinguished guests, people of South Africa...

On behalf of President William Jefferson Clinton and the people of the United States of America, I bring you the deepest expression of condolence on the passing of Oliver Tambo.

President Clinton wanted this distinguished delegation to be here today to honor the memory and the life of this extraordinary leader. Our hearts go out to Mrs. Adelaide Tambo and their children.

Oliver Tambo dedicated his whole life to the cause of liberation for South Africa. He suffered through years of repression and exile. He led the struggle through some of its most difficult years. Yet he never lost his faith in South Africa. He never lost his love for his people. His love and faith in the ANC.

We honor this son of South Africa today for reminding us that the struggle against apartheid is to free both the oppressed and the oppressor.

We honor him for his vision of a new South Africa, in which all persons, of all races, would become one people, one South Africa.

We honor him for his leadership in the struggle for freedom around the world.

We come today to celebrate Oliver Tambo's life. Because of his leadership and other leaders of the liberation movement, the dream of all thoughtful South Africans is at hand.

This is the time.

This is the hour for all those engaged in the negotiating process to free South Africa once and for all from the bondage of apartheid.

(More)

This is the time to begin to reconstruct South Africa, to build a decent life for all its people, to provide jobs and education, health care and decent housing.

This is the time to rekindle hope for all of South Africa's children.

That will be Oliver Tambo's legacy---a free South Africa---free from oppression, full of opportunity.

On behalf of President Clinton, we want to assure you that the American people are with you---not just in this moment of sorrow, but in the days ahead when South Africa sets the date for its first ever truly democratic election.

We will be with you through that election and in the sometimes difficult years of reconstruction and growth that will follow.

Brother O.R. Tambo was an inspiration to all of us. We shall not forget him nor shall we forget our firm commitment to continue to work for a free South Africa.

Yes, Brother Mandela, Oliver Tambo lives...in the faces of these children...in their hopes and their dreams.

We must not fail them.

We will not fail them.

Amanda.

-END-

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MEMORANDUM

April 30, 1993

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TO: ALEXIS HERMAN
Assistant to the President
and Director of the Office of Public Liaison

FROM: Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

RE: Presidential Delegation/Funeral for Oliver Tambo

It was an honor to receive President Clinton's request through you that I join the delegation to the funeral of Oliver Tambo. Mr. Tambo's death was a great loss to those who cherish freedom throughout the world.

Unfortunately, I cannot accept. When the NAACP staff received your fax in Baltimore this afternoon, I was in transit from Kansas City to Detroit via Indianapolis. Additionally, your memo reached me too late on Friday afternoon to cancel certain events between now and Tuesday where NAACP members and other people planned activities around my presence and participation.

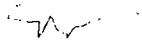
We regret your unsuccessful effort to reach me last night while I was attending one of our Freedom Fund Dinners in Los Angeles. Because my office hours will shift to Baltimore beginning Monday, May 3rd, and because we will secure permanent housing in Baltimore soon, any future attempt to contact me should be easier.

For now, please record my office number as (410) 358-8900 and my Cleveland home number as (216) 991-4672. In the near future, we hope to share a new home number office with your office.

Please thank the President for this opportunity to serve.

Thank you.

Ben



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