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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

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Dear Comrade,

We would like to inform you that a preparatory committee has been formed to prepare for a seminar to be held between Soviet social scientists and ANC social scientists. The questions we will explore together fall under the broad theme "The Perspectives and Problems for a Post-Apartheid South Africa within the framework of the Freedom Charter."

This preparatory committee has been charged with setting up the framework of the seminar. Our tasks include:

- i) determining the specific areas and questions which will be addressed during the seminar;
- ii) contacting ANC social scientists who can make a contribution to this project;
- iii) locating and reproducing relevant papers, monogrammes and other documents already written by our social scientists and other scholars which have a bearing on the topics to be covered;
- iv) commissioning additional papers where these are deemed relevant;
- v) convening an in-house seminar of ANC social scientists prior to the bi-lateral seminar which will hopefully contribute towards a clarification of our own ideas and the crystallisation of common positions.

In order to help us with this work, we are therefore making the following requests to you:

- a) Please suggest sub-themes within the ambit of the main theme "Problems and Perspectives for a Post-Apartheid South Africa within the framework of the Freedom Charter".
- b) Please send one copy of all papers, articles or other publications you have written which fall within the framework of this project.
- c) Please send one copy of any additional material by other social scientists - South African and non-South African - whose work you think will make a useful and positive contribution to preparatory discussions.
- d) Please indicate your current area of specialisation or interest.

When we have received this information we will be in a position to communicate the timeframe, as well as more specific areas and any further developments with the project, to you.

Since we are very pressed for time, we appeal to you to treat our request as a matter of urgency and ask you to respond before December 31st. A full-time coordinator - Cde Barney Mackay - has been appointed to facilitate the work of the committee, and we ask you to address all correspondence to him c/o The Social Scientists' Preparatory Committee

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We look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Yours in the Struggle,

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