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21 February 1992

Dear Albie,

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Yours sincerely,

RORY RIORDAN
DIRECTOR

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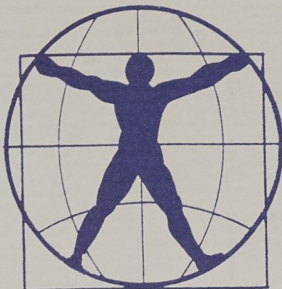
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HUMAN RIGHTS LOBBY GROUP FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION
9-10 APRIL 1992 - PORT ELIZABETH

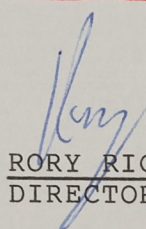
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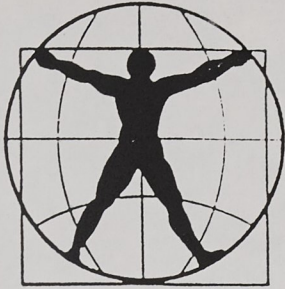
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31 January 1992

Dear Geoff,

Further to our work, on a lobby group on constitutional issues.

We have just circulated about 120 human rights-oriented NGO's with a letter asking them to reserve the dates 9th and 10th April 1992, for a workshop/conference on this project, to be held in Port Elizabeth. Could I ask you also, to reserve these dates in your diary, as your attendance is vital. The dates are a compromise between Ramadan, Pesach, School Holidays and hotel availability! I hope they can suit you.

We have formed a small local committee around this conference, involving Kobus Pienaar of LRC, Susan Zeiss (previously of LHR), Thole Majodina and Nonkosi Mhlantla (attorneys in Port Elizabeth) and Judy Chalmers (of Sash, and everything else that you can think of!), and ourselves, Lesley Frescura, Friday France and Rory Riordan of the Trust. This committee is coming up with ideas around agenda, speakers, involvement, etc.

Our first two meetings have resulted in the following ideas which I would greatly appreciate your comments on :

i) The purpose of the workshop/conference is :

firstly, to bring together good people from good organisations who have not come together before, for a creative purpose;

secondly, to try to create a feeling that there could be a national human rights movement, operating where working together will have added results to individual organisational effort;

thirdly, to come together to discuss issues around the topics we discussed previously (I include, to jog your memory, a copy of the summary made of our October meeting conclusions);

and fourthly, and where possible, to construct consensus motions that all of us (ideally) can live with, that express the principles that we would

wish to see a future Bill of Rights conform to in the eleven areas of controversy as outlined. (In some cases this will be impossible - like, say, the issue of abortion where the Catholic Bishops Conference will predictably differ from some other organisations. In that case, possibly two different positions of principle could be drawn up, to satisfy both sides of the debate).

ii) After the workshop has constructed these motions, we would ideally like to see firstly, all organisations take these motions "home", and consult in-house for acceptance;

secondly, we then, as some sort of central secretariat, ask the major political parties for their draft Bills of Rights and proposed Constitutions for South Africa;

thirdly, ask a legal committee to consider these bills, etc, and compare them to the motions of principle adopted by the human rights forum;

fourthly, inform all organisations of the results of this comparison;

fifthly, encourage them individually to take the issues up;

and sixthly, where it is possible and sensible, to, as a human rights movement, to jointly take up the issues with the political parties concerned.

As you can see, this is an elaborate and ongoing set of procedures. I, we, would greatly enjoy your comments thereon.

With regard to the agenda of the workshop/conference, we have thought of the following as a possibility (comments, please!)

- DAY 1 - Early morning - General welcome, statement of intent.
- Later morning - First 4 workshops, operating simultaneously, on four of the areas of controversy.
 - Afternoon - Second set of 4 workshops.
 - Evening - Plenary session on the topic "Should there be post-apartheid trials in South Africa - some preliminary thoughts".

- DAY 2 - Morning - Third set of 4 workshops.
 - Afternoon - Plenary, all consensus (and other)
 motions from the workshops put to
 the full plenary for final discussion
 and, where possible, consensus, and
 where consensus is not possible, a
 formulation of opposing viewpoints
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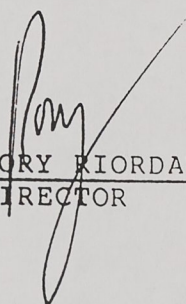
It was our feeling that only the evening plenary session should be public - all workshop sessions would only be attended by delegates from organisations.

Workshops would have lead-in speakers, delivering hopefully well thought out motivations. We would encourage a number of different speakers, hopefully taking challenging positions, in any one topic.

Sorry this is such a long note, but I hope it makes sense to you. I would obviously welcome your comments and help, which you have been so generous with to date.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Very best wishes,



RORY RIORDAN
DIRECTOR

NOTES ON A FUTURE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

The first meeting of the proposed lobby group on human rights provisions for the future South African Constitution and Bill of Rights requested a set of principles that would underpin the lobby group's detailed proposals.

A meeting of an invited committee came up with the following guidelines:

1. The future South African Constitution and Bill of Rights should in all ways be consistent with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2. The issues on which controversy and disagreement can be expected include the following:
 - i) Second and Third Generation Rights - whether they should be constitutionalised and, if yes, how;
 - ii) Affirmative Action - whether it should be constitutionalised and, if yes, how;
 - iii) Quotas as mechanisms for constitutionalising affirmative action.
 - iv) Capital Punishment - should it be prohibited?
 - v) Abortion - should abortion on request be allowed?
 - vi) Property rights - and land rights - should they be constitutionalised, and, if yes, how;
 - vii) Minority and group rights - what is meant by them, what is legitimately to be constitutionalised and, if so, how;
 - viii) Should rights issues be heard by
 - ordinary courts;
 - a special division of the Appeal Court;
 - a Constitutional Court;
 - other mechanisms, and if so, what; and how?
 - ix) Gay rights and rights to privacy - are they separate from other personal rights?
 - x) Freedom to dissociate - separate from the right to privacy?
 - xi) Anti-discrimination measures, including hate speech.