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TO MR MURPHY MOROBE
HEAD: ADMINISTRATION
CONVENTION FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOUTH AFRICA
WORLD TRADE CENTRE
KEMPTON PARK

DATE 10 FEBRUARY 1992

Dear Murphy,

I am writing, as agreed, to formalise the request I made to you last week. The Argus newspaper group is interested in renting - as a matter of urgency - an office in the World Trade Centre for the duration of Codesa's proceedings. Correspondents and reporters from The Star, Sunday Star, Sowetan, Pretoria News, Daily News, Sunday Tribune and the Argus will be working from the World Trade Centre on a regular basis, and we require private office space, desks, telephones and fax facilities. We can submit detailed proposals once our request has been approved.

As discussed, we feel sure that other newspaper groups will want to avail themselves of similar facilities. This will facilitate the work of the media and, we think, the Codesa administration. Our proposal is that you set aside convenient space (as close as possible to the action) for each group that requires it, and retain a general office for freelancers and the like. This arrangement works well at Parliament and seems appropriate for Codesa. I would be most grateful if you could give this request your earliest attention.

We look forward to receiving a cost estimate from you.

Thank you for your help.
Kind regards,



SHAUN JOHNSON
POLITICAL EDITOR



Mr Shaun Johnson
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11 February 92

Dear Shaun

Re: Your fax dated 10 February

The matter has been raised with the administration and the proposition has been accepted in principle. I do indeed agree with you that the outcome can/will be in the best interest of all concerned.

However, what I'm not able to indicate with any degree of firmness at this stage is exactly when this arrangement can be put into operation. As I've indicated to you, the final contract will be between yourselves and the World Trade Centre Management. The overall plan encompassing the actual location of such offices is going to have to fit in with our still to be finalised floor plan for CODESA 11.

Let this not increase your anxiety though. I'll be the first to admit that the sooner this is organised the better. By the way, since you raised the idea with me there has been several similar requests for office space.

I will follow up with a cost estimate to make it easier for you to decide.

Regards


Murphy Morobe