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Dear Albie

ECC PROPOSALS ON CONSCRIPTION, CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION, DEFENCE POLICY, ETC

I am very sorry I was not able to meet with you on your recent trip to Durban. Sal passed on to me your concern to receive any proposals we may have with regards to constitutional matters relating to conscription etc. I have asked our national organiser, Mandy Taylor, to forward relevant documentation to your office. One of our activists also took quite a bit of information to the recent SADF/Umkhonto meeting in Lusaka. I am not sure who he handed it to though.

A few of us attended a study conference at the Bradford School of Peace Studies in April. Its purpose was to explore the idea and potential of civilian-based defence, or 'people power' as a defence policy. This could be implemented instead of, or as a supplement to, conventional military defence. We felt a lot of what we learnt is relevant to the emerging new order in South Africa and, hopefully, a new and co-operative southern Africa. We are working on a discussion paper on the topic at the moment for discussion in ECC branches, and are hoping that we might also organise some kind of seminar on it with IDASA. Perhaps I could send you a copy.

Yours in peace,

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