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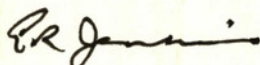
Dear Mr Crawhall

The English Academy of Southern Africa through its Executive Committee has noted with appreciation the accurate reflection of its submission to CODESA on the status of languages in South Africa in the future. The reference to it was contained in the National Language Project Report submitted to the National Education Policy Investigation sub-committee on articulating language policy alternatives and prepared by Nigel Crawhall, 2 March 1992. However, there is one point contained in the section in which the English Academy is mentioned which perhaps reflects a lack of awareness of the Academy's activities.

It is misleading to say that the English Academy is 'closely associated with prominent South African universities and House of Assembly (white) schools', because the Academy has close associations with members of staff in most South African universities, and its ties with House of Assembly schools are considerably weaker than its ties with other sectors of school education. The English Academy has close involvement with endeavours to promote English in Department of Education Training and private schools serving black

communities, through ELTIC (English Language Teaching Information Centre), which it founded in 1973. Our activities in these sectors over many years have resulted in an expansion of our membership to incorporate interested individuals in such schools.

Yours sincerely



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President

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