

President

Republic of South Africa

Senator Bob Dole
US Congress
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Dear Senator Dole

I am writing this letter to endorse and request your support of Rev. Leon Sullivan's effort to assist the South African Government and its people to realise the goals of the Reconstruction and Development Programme.

Rev. Sullivan is currently working with the Ministry of Public Works, under Minister Jeff Radebe, who has been mandated by the Cabinet to implement the National Public Works Programme.

As you are aware, international experience has proved that public works programmes are the most successful mechanisms that could be used to provide basic infrastructure in a manner that ensures maximum job creation, education and training, and several capacity building, both within desperately needy communities, as well as the local regional and provincial delivery institutions.

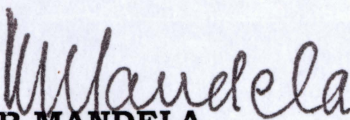
It is precisely in this context, that we have adopted the National Public Works Programmes as one of the key vehicles for implementing the Reconstruction and Development Programme - a programme aimed at reducing poverty, malnutrition and lack of basic infrastructure in the majority of our people.

Therefore, given Rev. Sullivan's indubitable commitment to the elimination of poverty and illiteracy amongst the poor and under privileged people, we are indeed excited by his willingness to reinforce our efforts through his Opportunities Council (OIC) and International Foundation Education for Self Help (IFESH).

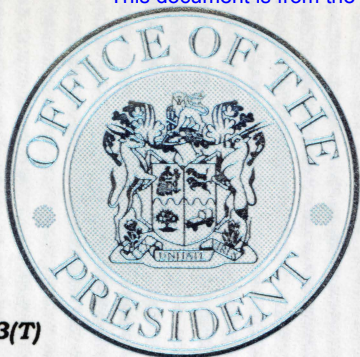
Rev. Sullivan has indicated to the Minister of Public Works that he will be approaching you in the very near future, as part of his initial attempts to organise the resources that are required to enable him to make a meaningful contribution in the successful implementation of the National Public Works Programme.

I therefore humbly request your full co-operation in this regard. Knowing your commitment to the transformation process in our country, a process that has been once again demonstrated by the recent World Bank Study of Poverty in South Africa, as well as the draft programme for Investment in Urban Infrastructure (a joint effort of our Department of National Housing and the World Bank Urban Mission), I cannot help, but be assured of your continued unwavering support.

With kind regards


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SENATOR B DOLE

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your Minister's fax of 9 January 1995 to the President as well as the draft reply to Senator Dole..

The President has signed the letter to Senator Dole and it is attached for your further attention.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "D. van der Walt".

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY