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Note on conversation with OR after lunch  
recorded by JS.

JS. asked him if he had seen the Commission's Report on IUEF

OR. rep. He has a copy but has not read it. He does not think it is much concern to us because of the poor relationship between the IUEF & ANC. We always regarded it as hostile working with groups such as the BCM against us. In fact, we had complained often to the Swedes, our people often raised this question of IUEF with the Swedes and asked them to consult us before ~~supplying~~ providing funds to SA groups. After all our aim is to unite all anti-apartheid groups. Things got so bad that Erickson spoke to him at Lagos in 1978 about the apparent mistrust of ANC towards IUEF. O.R. explained that IUEF had worked against us.

One example OR gave to J.S. was the selection of SA students to study in Nigeria. They were anti-ANC and are still so. IUEF money was used there & elsewhere to promote anti-ANC sentiments & activities.

When Craig Williamson joined IUEF its attitude improved towards us. ~~He~~ He was trying to win our confidence so as to carry out his aim of penetration. But he never succeeded. When he told us that he was giving up the Deputy's job to work fulltime on Lusaka

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we told him to stay where he was in Geneva. He was of more use to us there. We had no intention of admitting him to our confidences.

O.R. then went on to talk about our tight security at the top. The enemy has evidently failed to penetrate any part of our internal work. We know this because of the wild guesses he makes as for instance over the Saselburg attack.

J.S. made the remark that the Com feels that there is much wrong with IUEF which needs to be corrected before it can regain confidence among donors and recipients. To this O.R. replied that we get very little from IUEF apart from a few paltry scholarships. It has 9,000 scholarships students from all over - ours are only a small part of this number.

There was no chance of Williamson getting involved into our affairs we were suspicious of him throughout.

J.S. pointed out that ANC failed to pass these suspicions to people in IUEF or the Swedes. In fact the Commission quotes cases in which the ANC attitude to C.W. gave an impression that he had won our confidence as for instance when Thomas was examined by Palm Lund, former Foreign Aff. Min in Sweden, about C.W. Thomas said "that we had no reason to suspect him and then went

on to ask for more money on the basis of this assurance

OR then mentioned the occasion when Thomas and CW went to the UNHCR. Thomas introduced CW "as one of us" J.S. interrupted by saying the Commission mentioned this incident. According to the Com Report Thomas in evidence denied ~~having~~ <sup>saying that</sup> introduced CW was a member. All he said was that he is working with us. J.S. added that the occasion was a very delicate one concerning the question of transfer of some 80 of our people from Lesotho to the West. OR that is something that should have not been ~~made known~~ <sup>said</sup> to anyone outside a small group. J.S. Yes, not even he himself ~~should~~ <sup>had</sup> have had the information, but he did know that Ray brought a list from Lesotho for the people handling the matter.

OR then repeated at length the story of the attempt to involve him in the Nov/Dec 1979 meeting of the Board of the Assembly. He was in London when he received a letter from CW asking him to open the meeting in Geneva. He had no intention of doing so, more especially as <sup>John</sup> Makitoni who had been in Geneva for the Swapo talks told him that it would be improper to attend an IUEF meeting while Sam Nujoma was battling for the future of Namibia. Makitoni said further that certain officials in New York who had been invited to this

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IUEF told him they would attend if OR were to be present, as they understood would be the case, according to letters from CW. OR immediately communicated with H.O. (Lusaka) to ask "how come that CW was telling people that he OR had accepted the invitation H.O. replied that this was a mistake, but there would be no harm in OR going to Geneva. He OR replied that he is not available as he would be in the SA on the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. OR suggested that they nominate Joe Quabe ~~OR~~ Soon after this conversation he met <sup>Soumare</sup> ~~Soumare~~ at the airport who said that he thought that OR would be in Geneva. Later it was found that Alfred N20 went to Geneva to open the Conference together with Joe Quabe apparently because of a remark made by Soumare to Thomas. ~~that~~

J.S. - told OR that the Com. reported that OR was sick and therefore unable to attend. This he denied flatly.

J.S. then commented on the nature of the evidence given by our reps to the Commission. The evidence left a bad impression as being weak and evasive. It was also unfortunate that Thabo was one of the witnesses in view of his being married to Zanelo. The Com. itself felt that many aspects of this case called for further examination by the Lib movements. This was surely an OR as resting on ANC as being the main ~~organisations~~ <sup>involved</sup>

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involved.

Concerning Christie OR said that this was purely a personal matter of Frena Gonzalez who has been investigating SA Nuclear atomic energy for a long time, it is she who on her own involved Christie, even, he OR was not told the details

Finally on the question of the IUEF's continued existence OR again said that it should be scrapped entirely and a new organization established