A3441 Alexandre Moumbaris Papers, 1970s-2000s

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OVERVIEW

The collection contains the personal papers of Alexandre (Alex) Moumbaris, particularly his arrest, trial and imprisonment in South Africa. Also included are related documents covering the various anti-Apartheid movements in France, including the work of his wife Marie-Jose, and documents relating to 'Okhela'.

A number of documents and newspaper clips are in French.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Alexandre (Alex) Moumbaris, born in Egypt to Greek parents, began his political life in England as a member of the British Communist Party and later the South African Communist Party. He also joined Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), and together with his wife Marie-Jose became part of what is now known as the internationalist underground group 'London Recruits', for which they received the South African National Order "Sabotage Campaign Medal" in 2012.

Alex and Marie-Jose Moumbaris were arrested on the 19 July 1972 while trying to cross the border from Botswana to South Africa during an MK operation, together with other members of MK. They were secretly detained for 4 months, before 'Alexandre Moumbaris and 5 Others' were charged under the Terrorism Act in January 1973. Marie-Jose, who was pregnant at the time with their first child, had been released through international pressure and deported to France in September 1972. Alex Moumbaris was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment on the 20 June 1973, which he started serving in the Pretoria Local Prison.

On the 11 December 1979 Alex Moumbaris and two other prisoners, Tim Jenkin and Stephen Lee, made a daring escape from Pretoria Central Prison. After a dangerous and exhausting journey they eventually arrived in Lusaka, where they were received by OR Tambo, and for the first time appeared publicly about their escape during a press conference on the 14 January 1980. He then joined his wife Marie-Jose and their son Boris in Paris. Their daughter Chloé was born on the 11 December 1982, the third anniversary of his escape from prison.

Alex Moumbaris continued his political work as part of the French national and the wider international South African liberation movement, as a communist, internationalist and humanist. The Government of the Republic of South Africa awarded him with the Order of the Companions of O.R. Tambo in Silver in 2014, which is awarded "to those who have actively promoted the interests and aspirations of South Africa through outstanding cooperation, solidarity and support".

COLLECTION

A ARREST, TRIAL AND IMPRISONMENT, 1972-1981

A1 Arrest, 1972

Alex and Marie-Jose (Smoothy) Moumbaris were arrested on the 19 July 1972 while trying to cross the border from Botswana. They were secretly detained for 4 months, before being charged, and their relatives were unable to establish their whereabouts. Helen Amiel, Alex Moumbaris mother, traced their whereabouts from their departure in Paris on the 8 June 1972, having received the last news from Gaborone in July 1972. The matter only appeared before the Pretoria Magistrate's Court on the 20 November 1972, when Alex Moumbaris and 5 Others were charged under the Terrorism Act. Marie-Jose, who was pregnant at the time, had been released and deported in September 1972.

A1.1 Tracing their whereabouts by Helen Amiel, Documents and correspondence, June-November 1972

Timeline and list of possible contacts to approach; also included correspondence by Helen Amiel, relating to the burglary of the Moumbaris' flat in London by South African agents, using a key to the flat (the case was also discussed in the UK Hansards, Commons Sitting, 23 July 1973).

A1.2 Enquiries with various institutions, 1972, 1f

Correspondence making enquiries with institutions such as the Catholic Church and Greek Orthodox Church in South Africa and France relating to the whereabouts of Alex and Marie-Jose Moumbaris.

A1.3 Enquiries with French authorities, 1972, 1f

Also included newspaper clips relating to the deportation of Marie-Jose; communication with the Red Cross, legal firms, embassies and consulates.

A2 State vs Alexandre Moumbaris and 5 Others, 1973

The Indictment was delivered on the 8 March 1973, and the trial commenced on the 19 March 1973. The co-accused were Tloi Theophilus Cholo, Maqina Justice Mpanza, Petrus Aron Mtembu, Gardener Sandi Sijaka, John William Hosey. Alex Moumbaris was represented by Adv. George Bizos, instructed by Richard Wilson & Partners.

A2.1 Indictment

Also included Request for further particulars; Further particulars; copy of the Terrorism Act No. 83 of 1967, based on which they were charged

A2.2 Volume 1, pages 1-46

Witnesses for the State: P. Menye; R.R. Reynolds

A2.3 Volume 2, pages 47-111

Witnesses for the State: R.R. Reynolds; D.D. Pape; b. Haygarth; P.E. Haines; C.J.R. Hancock; M.A. Faull; J.P.J. Botha; J.A. Liebenberg; G.L. Killarby; B. Carbonis; P. Menye.

A2.4 Volume 3, pages 112-147

Admission by Accused no. 1; Witnesses for the State: B. Carbonis; A.J. Robinson; P. Menye; J.B. De Wet.

A2.5 Volume 4, pages 148-192

Witnesses for the State: J.J. van Zyl; I.J. Murphy; C.J. Dirker; W.J. Du Plessis; B.J. Joubert; S.G. Mose; J.N. Motaung; B.B.D. Nyathi.

A2.6 Volume 5, pages 193-235

Witnesses for the State: B.B.D. Nyathi; S.G. Mose.

A2.7 Volume 6, pages 236-248

Witnesses for the State: S.G. Mose; E.D. Dreyer; I.O. Lemmer; C. Engelbrecht.

A2.8 Volume 7, pages 249-292

Witnesses for the State: J.J. Kershoff; F.J.D. Pretorius; Findings; O. Engelbrecht; F.J.D. Pretorius; P.S. Erasmus; M. Van Greunen; J.W. Du Plessis; J.H. Labuschagne; T. Nyaule; J.Z. Van Niekerk.

A2.9 Volume 8, pages 293-360

Witnesses for the State: J.Z. Van Niekerk; T. Nyaule; M. Van Greunen; S. Ntjalie; O. Engelbrecht.

A2.10 Volume 9, pages 361-410

S. Ntjalie; J.N. Nbebe; M. Titima; J. Nzuza; S. Geqe; H.P. Nicholson; N. Kombele; Admissions.

A2.11 Volume 10, pages 411-465

N. Kombela; W.B. Bezuidenhout; B.J. Mouton.

A2.12 Volume 11, pages 466-481

P.S. Erasmus; Exhibits; H.D. Stadler.

A2.13 Volume 12, pages 482-529

Witnesses for the State: M.J. Venter; M.J. Buitendach; J. Du Toit Hamman; N. Kombela.

A2.14 Volume 13, pages 530-564

Witnesses for the State: H.D. Stadler

A2.15 Volume 14, pages 565-606

H.D. Stadler; H.T. Baker, R.A. Van Rensburg; D. Wessels

A2.16 Volume 15, pages 607-631

Witnesses for the State: D. Wessels.

A2.17 Volume 16, pages 632-704, copy (original discarded due to mould)

Findings; Witnesses for the State: R.A. Van Rensburg; J.L. McPherson; H.A. Vorster; P.L. Du Toit

A2.18 Volume 17, pages 705-757

Witnesses for the State: P.L. Du Toit; H.A. Vorster; Major Stadler; R.A. Van Rensburg; J.Z. Van Niekerk.

A2.19 Volume 18, pages 758-786

Witnesses for the State: Major Stadler; P.J. Du Preez.

A2.20 Volume 19, pages 787-864

Mr. Rees applies for amendment to charge sheet; Witnesses for the Defence: Alexandre Moumbaris.

A2.21 Volume 20, pages 864-981

Witnesses for the Defence: A. Moumbaris (Accused no. 1)

A2.22 Volume 21, pages 982-1031

Witnesses for the Defence: T.T. Cholo (Accused no. 2)

A2.23 Volume 22, pages 1032-1100

Witnesses for the Defence: T.T. Cholo

A2.24 Volume 23, pages 1101-1162

Witnesses for the Defence: M.J. Mpanza (Accused no. 3)

A2.25 Volume 24, pages 1163-1200

Witnesses for the Defence: T.P. Mtembu (Accused no. 4)

A2.26 Volume 25, pages 1201-1257

Witnesses for the Defence: S.G. Sijaka (Accused no. 5)

A2.27 Volume 26, pages 1258-1335

Witnesses for the Defence: S.G. Sijaka (Accused no. 5); J.W. Hosey (Accused no. 6)

A2.28 Volume 27, pages 1336-1451

Witnesses for the Defence: J.W. Hosey (Accused no. 6); R.C. Albino (Professor in Psychology at the University of Natal, on the effects of isolation and solitary confinement); Admission.

A2.29 Volume 28, pages 1452-1506

R.C. Albino (Professor in Psychology at the University of Natal, on the effects of isolation and solitary confinement); Admission

A2.30 Volume 29, pages 1507-1648, copy (original discarded due to mould)

Witnesses for the Defence: A. Moumbaris (recalled); Judgement, 15 June 1973; Sentence, 20 June 1973; Grounds for Appeal; Judgment (On Application).

A3 Correspondence through legal team, November 1972-October 1981, 1f

Letters include communication with law firms Richard Wilson & Partner; Weiman & Mahon Attorneys; Raymond Tucker and Andrew, Lister and Tucker Incorporated. They relate to the legal representation for Alex Moumbaris at his trial and the appointment of Advocate George Bizos, who has "much experience in cases involving the Terrorism Act"; correspondence relating to things belonging to Marie-Jose, in the possession of the Security Police; prison conditions; registration with the University of South Africa to further his studies; visits by his mother and son; application to Prison Department re the question of newspapers, news, letters and visits; Alex Moumbaris hunger strike in prison; Affidavit from Amnesty International re their prison conditions and treatment (with explanatory email by Alex Moumbaris).

Also included: a drawing from prison; telegram to Alex Moumbaris, Pretoria Prison, European Section from his family in Paris; and two telegrams by Alex Moumbaris' mother and wife to Ilse Wilson, daughter of Bram Fischer, with the one sent on his release in 1974, and the other sending condolences of the passing of Bram Fischer in 1975.

A4 Release campaign, 1972-1979 (1980-1981)

Led by his mother Helen Amiel and his wife Marie-Jose Moumbaris.

- A4.1 Correspondence with South African authorities in France, 1972-1979, 1f
- A4.2 Exchange with French authorities, 1973-1979 (1981), 2f

Including appeals to the President of the French Republic.

- A4.3 Correspondence with Australian authorities, 1972-1979, 1f
- A4.4 Correspondence of solidarity by former employers of Alex Moumbaris, 1972-1980, 1f
 Including the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (UCATT); and Association of professional,
 Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (APEX)
- A4.5 South African correspondence, 1973-1979, 1f
- A4.5.1 Letter from Ministry of the Interior, 10 September 1973

Letter to Alex Moumbaris, sentenced on the 20 June 1973, informing him that the Minister has declared him to be an undesirable inhabitant of the Republic, and that a warrant for his removal from the Republic has been issued.

- A4.5.2 Correspondence with Helen Suzman, opposition MP Progressive Party,1978-1979
- A4.5.3 Correspondence with Prison authorities, 1973-79

Including correspondence with the Minister of Justice, Prison and Police and the Prison department, in order to obtain permission to visit Alex Moumbaris.

- A4.6 Association of the Friends of Alexandre Moumbaris, France, 1973-1979, 2f
 Including a list of individuals, organisations and institutions who were members of the Association;
- A4.7 Other
 Including Note published by the UN Group on Apartheid, October 1973; correspondence with the organisation
 Christians for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT), 1977; letter written by Marie-Jose in response to Ronnie Kasrils and
 Gloria Pahad in London, offering financial assistance.
- A4.8 Newspaper clips, 1977-1978
 Including an article in the South African magazine 'Security', a supplement to Financial Mail, with the article "A tale of terrorism: The machinations of the terrorist mind are highlighted by the Moumbaris story", 18 November 1977.
- A5 Escape from Pretoria Maximum prison, 1979-1980
 On the 11 December 1979 Alex Moumbaris and two other prisoners, Tim Jenkin and Stephen Lee, made a daring escape from Pretoria Central Prison. After a dangerous and exhausting journey they eventually arrived in Lusaka, where they were received by OR Tambo, and for the first time appeared publicly about their escape during a press conference on the 14 January 1980.
- A5.1 Arrival in Lusaka following escape on the 11 December 1979
 Including press statement from Lusaka, 2 January 1980; press reports with their first photographs taken together with ANC President Oliver Tambo in Lusaka; exclusive interview with the Tanzania News Agency, 14 January 1980; press statement by French Communist Youth; typescript with the timeline of events after the escape, following newspaper reporting.
- A5.2 Press reporting about the escape, 1980-1982, 2f
 Including: ; first press reports about the escape; their demand for PoW status for political prisoners in South
 Africa; poster of a public rally for their arrival in London; trial of prison warder related to the escape; naming of a
 street in the French town of Amiens after Solomon Mahlangu; bombing of the French anti-apartheid
 headquarters in Paris; trial of 3 men who aided escaped prisoners; other news clips relating to Alex Moumbaris
 after his escape.
- B POLITICAL WORK AND DOCUMENTS, 1980-1990s (2000s)
- B1 Speeches and documents, 1980-1984
 Including speech on the occasion of an event for solidarity with political prisoners in South Africa, under the aegis of Unesco, 10 October 1980; newspaper clips.
- B2 ANC Office, 1980-1988

Alex Moumbaris started working for the African National Congress (ANC) in Paris immediately after his release. He established the first office at 42 Rue Rochechouart, for which the French Communist Party paid the rent and other bills. During Dulcie September's tenure the office was moved around 1985 to 28 Rue des Petites-Écuries "for security reasons", where she was assassinated in 1988. The expenses for the second office were paid indirectly by the Socialist Party, through the Centre for Research Information Action in Africa (CRIAA) and more precisely Jean-Bernard Curial (information provided by Alex Moumbaris).

- B2.1 Correspondence, 1980-1981
 - Letters and telefaxes regarding his activities since arrival in Paris, setting up an office space, engage with anti-Apartheid movements, but also raise concern about lack of support and financial worries to keep up his work, mainly written to Joe Jele and Sizakele Sigxashe, ANC International Office in Lusaka; Solly Smith, ANC Office in London. Also included correspondence with the 'Comite Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Development' regarding fundraising for the establishment of an ANC office in Paris, 1980; as well as for funding received for an Information Campaign on South Africa, in Paris, and receipts signed by Alex Moumbaris and Godfrey Motsepe, 1981.
- B2.2 Administrative matters, 1f, 1980-1986

 Contracts, bills, rent receipts, telephone bills (and summons), during the establishment of an ANC office in Paris.
- B2.3 Dulcie September, 1 file, 3 notebooks, 1985-1988

 At the end of 1983 Dulcie September was appointed ANC Chief Representative in France, Switzerland and Luxembourg. She was assassinated on the 29 March 1988.
- B2.3.1 Correspondence and note books,1985-1988

Including few correspondence between Alex Moumbaris and Dulcie September; receipt books kept by Dulcie September (sealed due to mould); copies of a blue notebook with notes by Dulcie September for a speech for Walter Sisulu's 75. birthday (original sealed due to mould); French newspaper issue L'Eveil depicting Dulcie September and Alex Moumbaris at an anti-Apartheid event, 1986; issue of ANC Sechaba with Obituary for Dulcie September, May 1988

B2.3.2 Solly Smith notebooks, 1988-1989

2 notebooks and petty cash voucher book kept by Solly Smit who took over the ANC office from Dulcie September in 1988, later discovered to having worked for the South African Military Intelligence (MI).

- B3 ANC internal, documents, 1975-1977, 1f
- B3.1 Expulsion of the 'Group of 8', 1975 See also Section D - Okhela.
- B3.1.1 Statement by African National Congress (S.A.) on the expulsion of a conspiratorial clique, dated 11 December 1975

Issued by Alfred Nzo, following a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the ANC in Morogoro, expelling eight members due to what the party described as "disruptive factionalist activities based on reactionary racial grounds". Amongst those expelled were Alfred Kgokong Mqota, Tennyson Makiwane, Jonas Matlou, Ambrose Mzimkulu Makiwane, George Mbele, Thami Bonga, Pascal Ngakane and O. K. Setlhapelo.

B3.1.2 The enemy hidden under the same colour, Statement by the South African Communist Party, undated

The statement issued by the Central Committee of the SACP in exile in London was published by Inkululeko Publications, London.

- B3.1.3 The bogus letter of expulsion, document compiled by Tennyson Makiwane, October 1975.
- B3.1.4 Maluti, Official Journal of the African National Congress of South Africa (African Nationalists), Volume 2, Number 1, 1978, copy
- B3.2 Other documents

Including: 'South African Liberation Support Group, Military Project, with note 'file under ANC, Nov 1977, incomplete; Ben Turok

B4 SACP, documents, 1980-1991, 1f

The file contains correspondence, notes and stickers mainly relating to the Fete de l'Humanite; including correspondence with Sonia Bunting (ANC London office and Inkululeko Publications) and Ronnie Kasrils. Also included badges for the release of James Mange; Lilian Ngoyi; SACP.

B5 South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU), 1980-1985, 1f

Correspondence and statements, mainly relating to the visit of SACTU delegate Edward Ramsdale, SACTU offices in London, to Paris in November 1980 where he met with members of the Union Générale des Travailleurs Sénégalais en France (UGTSF); also included a 'Statement to the press' from Paula Ensor, David Hemson, Martin Legassick and Robert Petersen "as activists within SACTU", "In response to the public attack on us by the ANC office in London...", London, 18 January 1980.

- B6 Political Prisoners Release Campaigns, 1980-1984
- B6.1 James Mange campaign, 1980, 1f

Correspondence, newspaper clips, campaign posters and flyers for James Mange, who was sentenced to death on 15 November 1979.

B6.2 Johnson Lubisi and 5 others, 1980

Newspaper clips relating to the trial of Nambithi Johnson Lubisi, Petrus Tsepo Mashigo, Naphtail Manana, Ikanyeng Moses Molebatsi, Benjamin Tau, Phumulani Grant Shezi.

B6.3 Solomon Mahlangu, street naming, April 1980

Statements, telegrams, newspaper clips relating to the inauguration of a street in Amiens named after Solomon Mahlangu.

B6.4 Steven Kitson, 1982

Newspaper clips relating to Steven Kitson, who was detained by the South African Police, and deported back to Britain; also included clips relating to his aunt Allison Weinberg, who was found murdered one day later. His father, David Kitson, served a 20 year prison sentence at the time. He and others, Wilton Mkwayi, Laloo Chiba, John Matthews and Sathyandranath 'Mac' Maharaj, were accused of sabotage in 1964 in what would later be called the 'Little Rivonia trial'.

B6.5 Bram Fischer, street naming, 1983-1984

Correspondence and newspaper clips, motivating for the street naming 'Rue Bram Fischer'.

B6.6 Raymond Suttner, David Rabkin, Jeremy Cronin, 1983

Mainly relating to the trial of Raymond Suttner, but also including newspaper clips and notes about David Rabkin and Jeremy Cronin. Included amongst others trial excerpts and judgement of State vs Raymond Suttner, November 1975; correspondence between Sheila Suttner and Helen Amiel, written from Jubilee Hall, University of the Witwatersrand, 1983; application by Sheila Suttner to the French Ambassador in South Africa to grant political asylum after his release from prison in May 1983; newspaper clips of his release.

- B7 Anti-Apartheid organisations and movements, 1970s-1980s
- B7.1 Mouvement contre le Racisme, l'Antisemitisme et pour la Paix (M.R.A.P.), 1970s-1980s, 1f Correspondence, newspaper clips, publication L'echo Beaunois, flyers, campaign material, statements, debates and other events.
- B7.2 Amnesty International, 1970s-1980s, 1f

Correspondence, newspaper clips, campaign material, statements.

- B7.3 International Defence and Aid Fund (IDAF), 1974-1980s, 1f
 - IDAF provided support for Alex Moumbaris and his family during his imprisonment.

Included correspondence with Canon Collins and Phyllis Altman and statements released by IDAF relating to political prisoners in Southern Africa.

See also section C4 - BIAA for further records relating to IDAF.

B7.3.1 FOCUS correspondence, May 1980

Also included correspondence with the publication FOCUS relating to their article 'Life in Pretoria Prison', issue no. 27 1980, based on an interview with Tim Jenkin and Stephen Lee, pointing out inaccuracies, with response from FOCUS, including the transcript of the interview.

B7.4 Folder entitled 'Human Rights', 1980

Containing a letter written by Alex Moumbaris to Georges Marchais, Secretary General of the Communist Party of France; a speech on human rights; newspaper page from L'Humanite.

B7.5 General anti-Apartheid publications, 1975-1988, 1f

Also containing reference to Alex Moumbaris and interviews with him and Marie-Jose.

- B8 General Confederation of Labour (CGT), France, 1980s-1996 (2007), 1f
- B8.1 La CGT contre l'apartheid, brochure, early 1980s

Alex Moumbaris participated in the making of this publication, however his name is omitted, as he intended including a phrase referring to the Wankie campaign, which did not find approval.

B8.2 Collaboration of the CGT with Apartheid South Africa

Included are copies of correspondence, documents and newspaper articles relating to as described by Alex Moumbaris "elements that show that the Energy sector of the CGT (the most progressive Trade Union in France) at the time knew perfectly well that there were members of theirs that collaborated, that is travelled to South Africa, to give technical assistance with Koeberg and possibly other sectors. The documents come essentially from the CCAS (Caisse centrale des activites sociales - Central fund for social activities - of the powerful Works Council of d'Electricite de France Gaz de France)." All documents in French.

C BUREAU D'INFORMATION SUR L'AFRIQUE AUSTRALE (BIAA), early 1974-1975

Marie-Jose Moumbaris was appointed President of the Bureau of Information on Southern Africa (BIAA) on the 1 September 1974, with the understanding that that its work was endorsed by the ANC and the French Communist Party. Her work with BIAA ended in December 1975.

C1 Letters and cards of support to Marie-Jose Moumbaris, 1970s, 1 box

After her release and deportation from South Africa, Marie-Jose was invited to Canada, the United Nations and other meetings as well as demonstrations for the release of Alex Moumbaris and other political prisoners in South Africa. Subsequently she received letters and cards of solidarity from school children and others, most of which where sent to the BIAA address.

C2 BIAA office and Okhela connection, 1974-1975

The records in this section describe the connection between the creation of BIAA by Breyten Breytenbach, Johnny Makhatini and Barend Schuitema, and Okhela. Once Marie-Jose discovered the use of the BIAA office, situated at 40, Rue Rouelle, 75015 Paris, for activities by Okhela, she and her friend and colleague Sally Ndongo, from the Union Générale des Travailleurs Sénégalais en France (UGTSF), reported the matter to the ANC in London. Marie-José closed the office and went to London to inform the SACP and the ANC. See further explanations provided by Alex Moumbaris in an email, included here, dated March 2018.

Included: Report by Marie-Jose to the ANC office in London, French, 9 October 1975, with covering letter in English (see summary by Alex Moumbaris); letter by Marie-Jose to Joe Slovo re visit to Paris by Alfred Nzo and Duma Nokwe, 16 December 1975; also included a letter by Marie-Jose to Ronnie Kasrils in London, 12 February 1976, asking for information about a certain Mr Michel Goutos, a social worker from Greece, who had written to Alex Moumbaris' mother, demanding a categorical affirmation that her son must refrain from 'hostile acts against the Republic of South Africa' in the event of his release and deportation, 4 December 1975 - copy of Michel Goutos letter and English translation included.

- C3 Report on the Establishment of an Information Bureau on Southern Africa, 1974-1975

 Compiled by BIAA, providing the reason for the establishment, activities, future plans and budget for 1975.
- C4 International Defence and Aid Fund (IDAF), correspondence, 1974-1975

 One of the initial main funders for BIAA was IDAF. Included here correspondence with Canon Collins, and Rica Hodgson, with the latter informing her that Canon Collins had suffered a heart attack, dated September 1974; as well as Phyllis Altman, who expressed concerns about continuous funding by IDAF in July 1975.

See also section B7.3

- C5 BIAA publications, 1975, 1f
 Pamphlet about SWAPO's struggle for liberation in Namibia; Press Review news letters
- C6 Financial receipts and reporting, 1974-1976, 1f
- C7 Various,1970s

Including notes and newspaper clips; copy of a letter by E.S. Reddy, inviting Marie-Jose to participate in a Seminar organised by the UN Section for African Questions, Special Committee against Apartheid; also included a letter of regret by the World Council of Churches, that it would not be in a position to offer funding to BIAA, May 1975

C8 Publication material, undated, 1f

Collection of photographic images, text and translations from English to French, possibly for an anti-Apartheid publication in French.

C9 Photographs, 7 items, 1973-1974

Photographs of campaigns, demonstrations and meetings for the release of Alex Moumbaris and other political prisoners, many in attendance of his wife Marie-Jose, including her presentation at a meeting at the United Nations (UN) in September 1974, as well as Sally Ndongo, Union Générale des Travailleurs Sénégalais en France (UGTSF).

Stored in Media Room.

The records relate to the formation, political position, activities, connections and their general role in the anti-Apartheid global landscape. They also include documents and news clips about one of its founders Breyten Breytenbach, and reference to Barend Schuitema, another founder of Okhela.

See also section C - BIAA.

D1 Trial of Breyten Breytenbach, 1975

Defence Counsel for Breytenbach was Advocate Johann Kriegler

D1.1 Trial record, 1975

Document signed by State Prosecutor Percy Yutar, laying out charges, including Annexure "A" the Okhela Manifesto.

D1.2 Notes

Rough notes further to the arrest of Breytenbach, listing events, people and timelines.

- D1.3 Petitions, reports campaigning against the trial, 1975-1976
- D1.4 Newspaper clips covering the trial, 1975, 1f

Also included press reviews by BIAA, Rand Daily Mail, AFP, covering the context, role players and organisations around Okhela, such as the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) and the International University Exchange Fund (IUEF), as well as Breytenbach's apology and statement to then Prime Minister John Vorster.

- D1.5 Breytenbach release from prison, press clips, 1982
- D2 Okhela movement, 1970s

The documents relate to the movement's ideology, support for the imprisoned Breyten Breytenbach, and its involvement in anti-Apartheid activities.

- D2.1 Okhela Manifesto, undated
- D2.2 BOSS and the killing of Henri Curiel, Okhela statement, 6 September 1978
 With annotation by Alex Moumbaris. Henry Curiel was at the head of the organisation called Solidarité. He was assassinated on the 4 May 1978.
- D2.3 Newspaper clips relating to Okhela, 1977-1980
- D2.4 Various press releases relating to Breytenbach and to 'Bernard Curiel', 1977-1978

 With annotation by Alex Moumbaris, saying that the press release about 'Curiel' meeting Rick Turner, in fact relates to Jean-Bernard Curial and his wife: 'they are confusing Henri Curiel with Bernard Curial'.
- D2.5 Documents relating to nuclear collaboration between West Germany and South Africa, 1972-1975, 1f

Documents, Press Statements and Memorandum released by the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, relating to documents obtained, which revealed the collaboration of NATO member states with South Africa in the Project 'Advokaat', a military communications system based at the Simonstown naval base, for which South Africa was provided with the code for equipment and spares. Included correspondence by AEG Telefunken and encoded equipment lists. Also included newspaper clip by South African journalist David Beresford providing background and context to the exposure.

The originals have been copied and are sealed due to mould.

- D3 Barend Schuitema, 1980, 2000
- D3.1 Newspaper clips, 1980

Mainly covering claims that Barend Schuitema acted as police informer for the South African Security Branch

D3.2 Exchange between Barend Schuitema and Alex Moumbaris, 2000

Open exchange on 'SACP Discussion' (www.sacp.org.za/discussion) between Schuitema and Moumbaris in the main relating to Okhela.

D4 South African Bureau for State Security (BOSS), newspaper clips, 1980s, 1f

The newspaper clips cover the complex infiltration by BOSS, named here by one of its agents Craig Williamson, of various South African and international anti-Apartheid organisations, amongst them Okhela, but also the ANC, NUSAS, IUEF, and its individual members.

D5 Anti-Apartheid publications, 1977-1978, 1f Mainly released by United Nations (UN)

E OTHER ITEMS, 2000s

- E1 Grand Reportage, 1 CD, February 2010
 Containing a documentary about the 20th anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela, produced by Radio France International.
- Copy of a letter written by Alex Moumbaris the President of South Africa, thanking him for the award and hosting in South Africa.
- E3 Letter to Nelson Mandela, 18 June 2001
 Copy of a letter written by Ilich Ramirez Sanchez (often referred to as 'Carlos the Jackal') to Nelson Mandela,
 providing information about Henry Bona, who travelled under the name of Robin Gregson. In the letter he
 offered to provide a sworn testimony for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). Written from a French
 prison, where he is serving a life sentence.