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The President,
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Dear Barry,

Thanks for your letter of the 7th. We feel compelled to point out that the issue of SASO/NUSAS representation at the Commonwealth Students' Conference has to be seen, not in isolation, but in the context of representation of the two organisations at foreign/overseas meetings.

The Executive has decided to take a fairly strong line on this matter. It is felt that SASO is a distinct organisation whose point of view may be and often is compromised by people talking on her behalf although not themselves members of the organisation. This has led to the presumption by overseas groups that NUSAS and SASO will readily cooperate in certain projects without hearing what SASO has to say on the matter. Some groups have even gone so far as to make cooperation with NUSAS the condition on which any aid from them to SASO will be based. While not necessarily expecting war to break out between the two organisations, we do feel that friendship between the two should not always be taken for granted.

Regarding the meeting in question therefore, please note that we have selected someone amongst us to represent us. We were made to understand by Steve that he did mention to you that it would be better to send a black guy and that your short list was drawn up just in case black guys experience difficulties in securing passports. We have since come to the decision that if one of your guys goes then he should by no means claim to represent SASO at the meeting. If our man fails to go, then we shall send whatever messages we have directly to the people concerned.

Yours faithfully,

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PRESIDENT