

**Letter from J. Gomas to ECCI,
16 September 1935 (Extract)**

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DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE FACTIONAL STRUGGLE IN THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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- 4) Excerpts from letter of Comrade Gomas. D.C. Cape Town Branch.
September 16, 1935.

'OUR REQUEST IS THAT THE ECCI IMMEDIATELY INTERVENE IN THE SITUATION OBTAINING IN THE CPSA IN WHATEVER MANNER THE ECCI THINKS BEST. IT SEEMS TO US THAT ONLY THE AUTHORITY OF THE ECCI COULD SAVE THE UTTER DISINTEGRATION OF THE CPSA. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS MOST UNCALLED FOR, IT IS INDESCRIBABLY CRIMINAL IN THIS PRESENT WORLD POLITICAL SITUATION.¹

WE SHALL BE VERY GLAD IF OUR REQUEST WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY GRANTED.²

RGASPI, 495/14/347/4. For the complete selection see: RGASPI, 495/14/347/1-28.

Original in English.

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1. There are no closing quotation marks here or elsewhere in this paragraph in the original.
2. Gomas reiterated his position in another letter written on behalf of the Cape Town branch on 26 September, in which he stated: 'we had no alternative but to appeal to the ECCI to intervene in the CPSA. If the CI is no authority to the 'PB' to us it is and we shall stand by its policy particularly as announced at the 7th Congress' (RGASPI, 495/14/347/4-5).