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RHODESIA: CONDUCT OF AUXILIARIES

1. THIS TELEGRAM ANALYSES THE SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF AUXILIARIES WHICH HAD BEEN MADE TO ME OR MY STAFF UP TO 6 FEBRUARY AND THE RESULTS OF ENQUIRIES MADE INTO THEM. THE COMPLAINTS FALL INTO TWO GROUPS:

- A. THOSE MADE DIRECT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE
- B. THOSE MADE TO THE POLICE ADVISER'S ASSISTANTS IN THE PROVINCES.

2. 42 COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE (APART FROM THE SCHEDULES WHICH MUGABE GAVE ME ON 7 FEBRUARY - SEE PARA 9 BELOW). ON THESE COMPLAINTS THE CURRENT POSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

UNSUBSTANTIATED	21
CASE OF ASSAULT	
BY AUXILIARY	1
CLEARLY FABRICATED	1
STILL UNDER ENQUIRY	19.

3. ALL THESE CASES HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING INVESTIGATED BY MY POLICE ADVISER AND BY THE BSAP. MOST OF THE UNSUBSTANTIATED CASES FALL INTO TWO BROAD CATEGORIES:

- A. ALLEGATIONS THAT AUXILIARIES STOPPED BUSES CARRYING PF(ZAPU) OR BANU(PF) SUPPORTERS AND ASSAULTED THEM:
- B. ALLEGATIONS THAT AUXILIARIES HAVE BEEN MOVING INTO AREAS PREVIOUSLY "OCCUPIED" BY PF FORCES.

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4. ONLY ONE OF THE ALLEGED CASES OF ASSAULT ON BUS PASSENGERS WAS AUTHENTICATED AS A CASE OF ASSAULT BY AUXILIARIES AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE HAVE BEEN DISCIPLINED. NONE OF THE OTHERS WAS REPORTED TO THE BSAP AT THE TIME, AND NO WITNESSES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO SUPPORT ANY OF THE ALLEGATIONS. IN THREE OF THESE CASES THERE ARE NO AUXILIARIES IN THE AREA. IN ANOTHER THERE IS NO BUS SERVICE IN OPERATION. IN ALL CASES WHERE AUXILIARIES ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE "MOVED INTO" PF AREAS, THE AUXILIARIES WERE ALREADY PRESENT IN A HOME GUARD ROLE AND HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. IT WAS MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR AT LANCASTER HOUSE THAT THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT AND COULD NOT BE BASED ON A DEMARCATION OF ZONES BETWEEN THE RHODESIAN AND PF FORCES.

5. NONE OF THE CASES STILL UNDER ENQUIRY WAS REFERRED TO THE POLICE AT THE TIME.

6. 34 COMPLAINTS AGAINST AUXILIARIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED TO THE POLICE ADVISER'S ASSISTANTS IN THE PROVINCES. THE CURRENT POSITION ON THESE IS:

CRIMES FOR WHICH AUXILIARIES ARE APPARENTLY RESPONSIBLE:

MURDER	1
ATTEMPTED MURDER	1
RAPE	3
ATTEMPTED RAPE	1
ASSAULT	1

OTHERS:

UNSUBSTANTIATED	4
FABRICATED	4
INVESTIGATION HAS SHOWN THAT INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE AS ALLEGED BUT THE CULPRITS WERE NOT AUXILLIARIES	16
STILL UNDER ENQUIRY	13.

7. IN THE SEVEN CASES OF APPARENT CRIME BY AUXILIARIES, THOSE CONCERNED ARE EITHER BEING DETAINED FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES OR ARE AWAITING TRIAL. IN ONLY ONE CASE IS THERE ANY CLEAR SUGGESTION OF A POLITICAL MOTIVE - TWO AUXILIARIES ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE SLAPPED THREE PEOPLE IN THE FACE WHILE QUESTIONING THEM ABOUT ZANLA ACTIVITIES, AND HAVE BEEN DETAINED PENDING ENQUIRIES. /8. SO

8. SO FAR, AS YOU KNOW, THE CEASE-FIRE COMMISSION HAS ATTRIBUTED NO BREACHES OF THE CEASEFIRE TO AUXILIARIES. THE MONITORING FORCE HAS NOW CARRIED OUT CHECKS ON AUXILIARY DETACHMENTS IN OPERATIONAL AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

HURRICANE	80%
THRASHER	100%
REPULSE	90%
TANGENT	100%
GRAPPLE	75%

9. MUGABE GAVE ME ON 7 FEBRUARY TWO LISTS OF ALLEGED CASES OF HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION OF HIS SUPPORTERS BY UANC SUPPORTERS, POLICE AND AUXILIARIES. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT "THESE CASES, WHICH ARE ONLY A FRACTION OF THE INCIDENTS OCCURRING AGAINST US, WILL HELP YOU BUILD A MORE CORRECT PICTURE OF THE ATROCIOUS ACTS OF AUXILIARY AND OTHER RHODESIAN FORCES,". THEY ARE ALL BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE POLICE ADVISER.

10. MUGABE'S FIRST LIST SETS OUT 26 CASES OF ALLEGED INTIMIDATION OF ZANU(PF) SUPPORTERS IN MASHONALAND CENTRAL, ONLY 9 OF THESE ALLEGATIONS REFER EXPLICITLY TO AUXILIARIES. MOST OF THEM ARE HOPELESSLY VAGUE. AMONG THE "ATROCITIES" CITED ARE:

A. "THE MASSES AT KEEP 14 ARE BEING FORCED TO CUT GRASS AT GUN POINT":

B. "A MR TENNIS FORCIBLY COLLECTED A 50 CENT UANC JOINING FEE FROM OUR MASSES. HE WAS ARRESTED, CHARGED AND HE ADMITTED GUILT AND RETURNED THE MONEY TO THE OWNERS":

C. "CORPORAL JAMES AND GEORGE OF MADZIWA KEEP 3 TORE THE ZANU(PF) POSTERS RECENTLY":

11. MUGABE'S SECOND LIST SETS OUT 35 OTHER CASES (STARTING FROM 28 DECEMBER 1979) IN WHICH ZANU(PF) SUPPORTERS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN HARASSED BY POLICE OR AUXILIARIES. IN MANY CASES THE COMPLAINTS APPEAR (UNDERLINE NEXT TWO WORDS) PRIMA FACIE TO REFER TO LEGITIMATE ACTION BY THE POLICE IN ENFORCING THE LAW RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS AND TO PROHIBITED PUBLICATIONS (INCLUDING THOSE WHICH I HAVE HAD TO BAN ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY CONSTITUTE AN ENTICEMENT TO VIOLENCE). INVESTIGATIONS OF THE CASES CITED IN THIS LIST HAVE PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS SO FAR:

A. A ZANU(PF) SUPPORTER NAMED BY MUGABE WAS ARRESTED ON 29 DECEMBER AND SUBSEQUENTLY FINED RH DOLLARS 60 OR 60 DAYS FOR TAKING PART IN AN ILLEGAL PROCESSION (ALL POLITICAL PROCESSIONS ARE BANNED AT PRESENT, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS):

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B. 4 ZANU(PF) SUPPORTERS WERE ARRESTED ON 28 DECEMBER FOLLOWING CLAIMS BY A UANC SUPPORTER THAT THEY HAD INTIMIDATED HER AND THREATENED TO DESTROY HER HOUSE WITH A BOMB. THERE WAS NO CORROBORATION OF THE COMPLAINANTS STORY; AND THE MEN WERE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED:

C. A ZANU(PF) MEMBER WAS ARRESTED ON 25 JANUARY ON SUSPICION OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDER OF A DISTRICT COMMISSIONER IN WEDZA TTL LAST YEAR. THE POLICE HAVE DECIDED THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE ON WHICH TO CHARGE HIM AND HE IS LIKELY TO BE RELEASED SHORTLY.

D. 4 ZANU(PF) SUPPORTERS WERE ARRESTED ON 20 JANUARY FOR TAKING PART IN AN ILLEGAL PROCESSION AND WERE FINED RH DOLLARS 50 EACH. ALL OF THESE CASES ARE THE RESULT OF NORMAL POLICE ACTIVITY WHICH IS IN NO WAY DISCRIMINATORY AND CAN BE PARALLELED IN THE CASE OF OTHER PARTIES (UANC MEMBERS HAVE ALSO BEEN ARRESTED FOR TAKING PART IN ILLEGAL PROCESSIONS).

12. FINALLY, YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT OUR PROVINCIAL ELECTION SUPERVISORS HAVE FORMED THE UNANIMOUS VIEW THAT, WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE WORTH INVESTIGATING OF POLITICAL INTIMIDATION BY AUXILIARIES IN ANY PART OF THE COUNTRY. BY CONTRAST, THEY HAVE, LIKE THE MONITORING FORCE, REPORTED A CONSISTENT PATTERN, THROUGHOUT THESE TRIBAL TRUST LANDS IN THE EASTERN PROVINCES WHERE THERE ARE NO PROTECTED VILLAGES OR WHITE FARMING COMMUNITIES, OF SYSTEMATIC INTIMIDATION BY ZANU(PF) AND BY ZANLA ELEMENTS WHO EITHER NEVER ASSEMBLED OR ARE MOVING IN AND OUT OF ASSEMBLY CAMPS.

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