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SOUTH AFRICA: MANDELA

1. NELSON MANDELA ADDRESSED A LARGE RALLY IN CENTRAL CAPE TOWN AFTER HIS RELEASE ON 11 FEBRUARY. FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN POINTS:

A) QUOTE THE MAJORITY OF SOUTH AFRICANS, BLACK AND WHITE, RECOGNISE THAT APARTHEID HAS NO FUTURE. THE DEFIANCE CAMPAIGNS AND OTHER ACTIONS CAN ONLY CULMINATE WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACY. UNQUOTE.

B) QUOTE THE RESORT TO THE ARMED STRUGGLE IN 1960 WAS A PURELY DEFENSIVE ACTION AGAINST THE VIOLENCE OF APARTHEID. THE FACTORS WHICH NECESSITATED IT STILL EXIST TODAY. WE HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO CONTINUE. WE HOPE THAT A CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WOULD BE CREATED SOON SO THAT THERE MAY NO LONGER BE THE NEED FOR ARMED STRUGGLE. UNQUOTE.

C) QUOTE I AM A LOYAL AND DISCIPLINED MEMBER OF THE ANC. I AM THEREFORE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH ALL OF ITS OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES, AND TACTICS. UNQUOTE.

D) QUOTE MY TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT HAVE AIMED AT NORMALISING THE POLITICAL SITUATION. WE HAVE NOT AS YET BEGAN DISCUSSING THE BASIC DEMANDS OF THE STRUGGLE. I HAVE AT NO TIME ENTERED INTO NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY EXCEPT TO INSIST ON A MEETING BETWEEN THE ANC AND THE GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE.

E) QUOTE FURTHER STEPS AS OUTLINED IN THE HARARE DECLARATION HAVE TO BE MET BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIC DEMANDS OF OUR PEOPLE CAN BEGININTER ALIA, THE IMMEDIATE ENDING OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THE FREEING OF ALL AND NOT ONLY SOME POLITICAL PRISONERS. UNQUOTE.

F) QUOTE THE PEOPLE NEED TO BE CONSULTED ON WHO WILL NEGOTIATE AND ON THE CONTENT OF SUCH NEGOTIATION. THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY CAN ONLY

BE DETERMINED BY A BODY WHICH IS DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED ON A NON-RACIAL BASIS. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DISMANTLING OF APARTHEID WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THE OVERWHELMING DEMANDS OF OUR PEOPLE FOR A DEMOCRATIC, NON-RACIAL AND UNITARY SOUTH AFRICA.....UNIVERSAL SUFFORAGE ON A COMMON VOTERS' ROLE IN A UNITED, DEMOCRATIC AND NON-RACIAL SOUTH AFRICA IS THE ONLY WAY TO PEACE AND HARMONY. UNQUOTE.

G) QUOTE THERE MUST BE AN END TO WHITE MONOPOLY ON POLITICAL POWER AND A FUNDAMENTAL RESTRUCTURING OF OUR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT THE INEQUALITIES OF APARTHEID ARE ADDRESSED AND OUR SOCIETY THOROUGHLY DEMOCRATISED. UNQUOTE.

H) WE HAVE WAITED TOO LONG FOR OUR FREEDOM. WE CAN NO LONGER WAIT. NPW IS THE TIME TO INTENSIFY THE STRUGGLE ON ALL FRONTS. TO RELAX OUR EFFORT NOW WOULD BE A MISTAKE WHICH GENERATIONS TO COME WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FORGIVE. UNQUOTE.

I) QUOTE WE CALL ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGN TO ISOLATE THE APARTHEID REGIME. TO LIFT SANCTIONS NOW WOULD BE TO RUN THE RISK OF ABORTING THE PROCESS TOWARDS COMPLETE ERADICATION OF APARTHEID. UNQUOTE.

2. FULL TEXT BY FAX TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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1. THE UDF AND MDM UNWISELY ORGANISED A RALLY AT TOO SHORT NOTICE. ALTHOUGH THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE LARGE CROWD, ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN SIXTY AND 100,000 WERE ORDERLY AND GOOD-HUMOURED, THERE WERE SOME UNPLEASANT INCIDENTS.
2. THERE WAS A SMALL ELEMENT WHICH INDULGED IN BREAKING SHOP WINDOWS, LOOTING AND THROWING STONES AND BOTTLES AT THE POLICE. THE LATTER FOR THE MOST PART SHOWED DISCIPLINE AND RESTRAINT - THEIR PRESENCE WAS AT AS LOW A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE - BUT DURING THE DAY, WHICH INVOLVED A LONG, HOT WAIT FOR MANDELA TO APPEAR, THERE WERE A SERIES OF INCIDENTS IN THE CITY CENTRE AND ROUND THE FRINGES OF THE RALLY IN WHICH IT IS REPORTED THAT TWO PEOPLE DIED AND A FURTHER DOZEN WERE INJURED BY SHOT-GUN PELLETS OR RUBBER BULLETS. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME POLICE OVER-REACTION BUT THEY WERE ALSO PROVOKED.
3. THE LACK OF ORGANISATION SHOWED IN THE LONG DELAY, THE EXTREME SHORTAGE OF MARSHALLS TO KEEP ORDER AND THE SEVERAL RE-SCHEDULINGS AND EVENTUAL CANCELLATION OF A PROMISED PRESS-CONFERENCE. WORRY ABOUT THE OUTCOME PROMPTED MANDELA, AT THE END OF HIS SPEECH, TO APPEAL TO THE CROWD TO DISPERSE WITH DIGNITY AND FOR NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM TO DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD ALLOW OTHER PEOPLE TO SAY THEY COULD NOT CONTROL THEIR OWN PEOPLE.
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MY TELNO 80: MANDELA'S RELEASE

1. COMMENTING ON THE DISTURBANCES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN CAPE TOWN DURING THE MASS RALLY TO WELCOME MANDELA YESTERDAY, ONE OF THE LEADING MDM ORGANISERS OF THE RALLY, MR DULLAH OMAR, SAID THAT HE DID NOT BLAME THE POLICE FOR THE VIOLENCE THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE. HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE ORGANISERS: 'WE COULD HAVE DONE BETTER'. THE UDF SPOKESMAN AZAR CACHALIA ALSO DEPLORED THE DISTURBANCES AT THE RALLY.

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