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INFO IMMEDIATE HARARE, LUSAKA, UKMIS NEW YORK, WASHINGTON,  
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MY TELNO 87: MANDELA'S RELEASE

1. ANSWERING QUESTIONS AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, MANDELA SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT OBSTACLES TO NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE REMOVED VERY SOON.

2. PIK BOTHA TOLD THE BBC YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS NOT UNDULY CONCERNED ABOUT MANDELA'S EXPRESSIONS OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE IN HIS SPEECH AT THE CAPE TOWN RALLY ON SUNDAY BECAUSE MANDELA HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO RECONCILIATION. THE STATEMENT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AS A WHOLE. MANDELA HAD A CONSTITUENCY AND HAD JUST RECEIVED HIS FREEDOM. PIK BOTHA BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD WISH TO ACHIEVE RECONCILIATION.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN DISTURBANCES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THESE ARE NOT THE PRODUCT OF ANY GENERAL CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE BUT OF THE HEIGHTENED POLITICAL TEMPERATURE FOLLOWING MANDELA'S RELEASE. THERE HAS BEEN AN INTENSIFICATION OF FACTION FIGHTING BETWEEN INKATHA AND ANC/UDF GROUPS IN NATAL, WHERE ABOUT FIFTY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE PAST FOUR DAYS. TWO HUNDRED SHACKS WERE SET ALIGHT AND A POLICEMAN WAS KILLED IN FACTION FIGHTING IN THE CROSSROADS SQUATTER SETTLEMENT NEAR CAPE TOWN. A LIMPET MINE EXPLOSION DAMAGED THE NEWLANDS CRICKET CLUB IN CAPE TOWN WHERE GATTING'S TEAM ARE DUE TO PLAY ON 16 FEBRUARY. IN THE CISKEI POLICE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE OPENED FIRE ON A CROWD CELEBRATING MANDELA'S RELEASE IN MDANTSANE AND SOME PEOPLE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED. SOWETO TO DATE HAS REMAINED CALM. MANDELA IS DUE TO ADDRESS A MASS RALLY IN THE SOCCER STADIUM THERE AT 1400 HOURS TODAY.

4. ADDRESSING A WELL-ATTENDED RIGHT WING RALLY AT PAROW IN THE CAPE, TREURNICHT STATED THAT DE KLERK HAD NO MANDATE FROM THE WHITE ELECTORATE FOR THE 'REVOLUTIONARY STEPS' HE HAD TAKEN.

5. THE PRESS HAVE REPORTED PROMINENTLY PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S STATEMENT (LUSAKA TELNO 68 TO YOU) THAT THE ANC SHOULD NOW SUSPEND THE ARMED

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