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### PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH MR. MABUZA

The Prime Minister had a talk this morning with
Mr. Enos Mabuza, Chief Minister of KaNgwane. Mr. Mabuza
left the Prime Minister with a memorandum setting out his
views. I enclose a copy.

In reply to the Prime Minister's question how a
dialogue between the government and black representatives
could be initiated, Mr. Mabuza said that the first step was
to lift the state of emergency, withdraw the police from the
townships and release detainees. The Government must also
show itself ready to enter into serious discussion of
legitimate grievances. In particular there was an urgent
need for reform of the education system. Action here could
do much to defuse tensions. The Prime Minister pointed out
that this would only be feasible if the South African
economy remained strong, which in turn argued against
economic sanctions.

Mr. Mabuza agreed that it was important to bring the
South African Government to start dialogue soon. Otherwise
moderate leaders would steadily lose credibility. In reply
to the Prime Minister's question, Mr. Mabuza said that he
thought the ANC would be prepared to suspend violence, in
effect by declaring a truce. In his view they would not
want to fight if negotiation were really an alternative.
The Prime Minister urged Mr. Mabuza to join with other
moderate leaders such as Chief Butheleze to lay careful
groundwork for a dialogue. They should, for instance, work
out a list of indispensable participants. Mr. Mabuza
thought that this need not number more than twenty,
including the leaders of the homelands Chief Butheleze,
Bishop Tutu and the Reverend Boesak. He did not appear to
think ANC participation vital at the first stage.

The Prime Minister commented afterwards that she was
favourably impressed by Mr. Mabuza. He was a cultivated

and sensible spokesman for black African views.

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