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INFO ROUTINE PRETORIA, WASHINGTON, CAPE TOWN

INEO SAYING DURBAN

MIPT: CHIEF BUTHELEZI'S SPEECH.

1. I SAT NEXT TO BUTHELEZI AT THE DINNER. WE TALKED FOR A WHILE ABOUT CURRENT POLITICAL PROSPECTS.
2. I REMINDED HIM THAT AT OUR LAST MEETING HE HAD JUST GIVEN A QUALIFIED WELCOME FOR PRESIDENT BOTHA'S 12 JANUARY SPEECH IN CAPE TOWN. HOW DID HE FEEL ABOUT THE PROSPECTS NOW? £3 '86 5E-5 £3 2AS QUITE CONFUSED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WERE OFFERING. THERE HAD BEEN NO MENTION BY BOTHA OF A STATUTORY COUNCIL; ON THE OTHER HAND A "COUNCIL OF STATE" WAS NOW BEING PUT FORWARD. HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO DISCERN WHAT SHAPE THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS WERE TAKING.
3. HE TOLD ME IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAD RECENTLY HAD A TWO HOUR MEETING WITH THE SA MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MR KOBIE COETZEE, AND HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY HIM.
4. HE HAD PUT TO THE MINISTER, AND ALSO MENTIONED TO ME, HIS IDEAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN NELSON MANDELA AND HIS FELLOW POLITICAL PRISONERS ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE ANC AS AN ORGANIZATION ON THE OTHER. HE HAD URGED COETZEE THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD RELEASE MANDELA AND HIS FELLOW PRISONERS, BUT NOT UNBAN THE ANC IMMEDIATELY. MANDELA AND HIS COLLEAGUES WOULD THEN HAVE TO WORK TOWARDS THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANC AS A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION BY THE COUNTRY AT LARGE, SUITABLE TO TAKE PART IN FURTHER CONSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.
5. TOSCAR DHLOMO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF INKATHA, WHO ALSO ATTENDED, EXPRESSED GUARDED OPTIMISM ABOUT PROGRESS IN THE KZAZULU/NATAL 8, 8A. HE SAID THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WERE COMING UP TO THE POINT AT WHICH THEY WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS THE BASIS FOR FURTHER CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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6. BUGHELEZI TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE  
AND THE PRIME MINISTER WHICH  
HE HAD RECIEVED VIA SIR LAURENS VAN DER POST WHEN THE LATTER  
HAD VISITED HIM LAST WEEK.

7. BUTHELEZI SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT THE US IN OCTOBER, BUT  
WAS NOT CZRTAIN IF HE WOULD BE VISITING THE UK EN ROUTE . I  
ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD LET US KNOW INZADVANCE IF HE DECIDED TO DO SO.

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any light on  
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