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PRESS STATEMENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE POLICE RAID
ON THE HOUSES OF NELSON MANDELA - 8TH JUNE, 1990

THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS LODGES ITS STRONGEST PROTEST AGAINST
THE UNWARRANTED EARLY MORNING RAIDS ON TWO HOUSES BELONGING TO ITS
DEPUTY PRESIDENT, NR NELSON ROLIHLEHLA MANDELA.

IN THE EARLY HOURS OF TUESDAY MORNING (5TH JUNE) AND AT 3.15AM ON
WEDNESDAY, 8TH JUNE, LARGE CONTINGENTS OF POLICE RAIDED THREE HOUSES
IN SOWETO. ALL THREE HOUSES ARE OCCUPIED BY PERSONS WHO HAVE RECENTLY
RETURNED FROM LUSAKA WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND PERMISSION OF THE
PRETORIA GOVERNMENT. TWO OF THE HOUSES BELONG TO THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT
OF THE ANC. THEY ARE SITUATED IN ORLANDO WEST AND DIEPKLOOF. THE
THIRD HOUSE, IN DUBE, IS OCCUPIED BY THE PARENTS OF ONE OF
THE RECENT RETURNEES. '

ALL THE POLICE WERE WHITE AND WERE VERY HEAVILY ARMED. THEY CONSISTED
OF MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY POLICE AND OTHER BRANCHES OF THE SAP.
THEY KNEW THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSES, AND WERE FULLY AWARE THAT THEY
HAD ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED TO SOUTH AFRICA.

THE POLICE CONTEMPTUOUSLY REFUSED TO PRODUCE A SEARCH WARRANT, SHOOK
AT THE OCCUPANTS AND FORCED THEM - AT GUNPOINT - TO STAND WITH THEIR
HANDS UP AGAINST THE WALL. THE POLICE RAID LASTED OVER AN HOUR.

FOR POLICE TO RAID A HOUSE OF NELSON MANDELA CLAIMING TO BE LOOKING
FOR A SUSPECTED MURDERER IS THE HEIGHT OF PROVOCATION. THIS IS
PARTICULARLY SO AS THE POLICE ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THE OCCUPANTS ARE
ANC MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY RETURNED TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE FULL
SANCTION AND KNOWLEDGE OF PRESIDENT DE KLERK.

THERE CAN BE NO POLICE RAID OF OUR PEOPLE THAT TAKES PLACE 'IN A GOOD
SPIRIT'. THE ANC REGARDS THESE RAIDS TO BE IN CONFLICT WITH THE
RIGHTS OF THE RETURNING EXILES AND AN ACT AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF THE
GROOTE SCHUUR AGREEMENT. WE DEMAND THAT SUCH ACTS OF INTIMIDATION AND
PROVOCATION CEASE IMMEDIATELY.

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ensure full consultation and accoumability m'thin our movement. This pxocess is prescndy
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way both Within the prisons of South Afxica and with our leadership in exile.

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3 000 such prisoners 'remainmg in apmheid jails, including almost 80 on Dmh Row.

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Africa. a society in Which the needs of all the people are addressed. Until the prom: of
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is irrcreversible, and a Constituent Assembly umblishcd, we can upon the inwmmiond Cumwify
10 steadfastly maintain sanctions and the mud isolation of apanheid South Africa.

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