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A REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN BOTSWANA
{From the Mission in BOTSWANA.)

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SITUATION IN DUKWE

One could describe the situation in Dukwe as having improved since the departure of the last group of fifty (51). The huge concentration of students at the camp was very disturbing to both the movement and the Botswana Government.

The remaining number of students consists of (a) Cde's who would face prosecution on arrival (they committed their crimes after the cut-off date.) (b) Cde's who are attending one course or the other.

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regards to the latter group arrangements are ahead in seeing to it that they go to the north (Lusaka). 'Cde's J.M. and Mancheka are involved in this regard.

REPATRIATION

There was a long delay in the departure of the third group of the young comrades based in Dukwe. The reason given for the delay of their departure was the 17th May 1992 Whites Only Referendum held in 8.9.

Fifty-three (53) comrades registered for repatriation with the U.N.H.C.R. from the total of one-hundred-and-twenty (120). The breakdown is :

(a) Thirty-seven living outside Dukwe.

(b) Eighty-Three resident in Dukwe.

Nine have since absconded because the process of repatriation was taking too long.

Forty-nine comrades were repatriated on the 4th April 1992 to South Africa and on the 14th April 1992 four of our comrades were repatriated from Gaborone.

A list of repatriated comrades is attached (The list is being compiled by U.N.H.C.R. It has all South Africans repatriated from Botswana.)

GENERAL ANC MEMBERSHIP IN THE AREA

There are still families in Botswana who are depended on the movement by the mere reason of them being ANC members.

Mrs H. Mohapi : She been in Botswana for many years her husband is Cde Mohapi who works or who worked for logistics in Lusaka she has not heard from him for sometime now, she does not know what to do about returning to home. Her kids are still at school in Botswana.

Mrs Mohapi has no means of support she depends on what the office.

Cde F. Mathiso : The comrade has been in Botswana for years he is now a Botswana citizen. At the moment he is a pensioner.

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THE UNDERGROUND MEMBERSHIP

Our main problem is with the remaining members of the Ordinance Department, they are four (4) in number. At the present moment they get as much as Six-Thousandâ200224Five-Hundred Pula collectively.

We therefore suggest that they be funded directly from H.D.

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OFFICE GOVERNMENT / DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP

BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT

Our relationship with the Botswana government continues to be good, from time to time we have briefings with the officer responsible at the External Affairs Ministry.

The only problem lies in the manner in which we get our information from HD. This has been an old age problem, we receive our late and sometime we do not get any information at all.

On our part also we hope to acquire a fax machine of our own, at the moment we depend on the U.N.H.C.R.â\200\231s generosity we receive our fax messages through their good office which is a bad arrangement in terms of security.

If DIP could send us information when is available we could also improve the manner in which information is disseminated. This will also help us in briefing diplomatic missions.

MOVEMENT PROPERTY

HOUSES

We have two houses in the area,one is the place called Bontleng, this house was bombed during raids by the S.A.D.F. in 1985. The other house in the controvincial area of a village called Mogoditshane. The problem at the present time is the intransigence of one old man called Fish Kitsing. He collects rent from tanents that he has put in both houses.

The Mogoditshane house is more of a problem because as I have mentioned above, the area is under the Molepolole Tribal Land Board, recently this area became subject of investigation by the Presidential commission of inquiry. This led to the resignation two of the most powerful ministers. Our problem is compounded by the fact that our property is not registered in our name (ANC) according to the land board requirements.

VEHICLES

*PLEASE FIND ATTACHED THE LIST OF VEHICLES PRESENTLY UNDER DUR CARE.

BOTSWANA NATIONAL FRONT

The above political organisation has lodged a complain through our office about our President Cde Nelson Mandela. They claim that it seems like the movement is anti BNF. A report by Mr Michael Dingake who is a BNF member is that Cde President once told him to resign from BNF and join the ruling party. The other matter concern me (Oupa Mokou) they say I am also anti them. Dr. K.Koma leader of the opposition once called me and said to me now that Cde Nelile Nhlapo is gone and according to them he was pro them what is my attitude to them. Anyway he later told me that he got his information from Fish Kitsing the same man who is collecting rent from our properties.

1* All staff members attend computer lessons

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