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Sir,

NORTH WEST S.P.R.

With refersnce to the resolution

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taken by the Negotiating

Counail regarding the delimitation / demarcation of regions on

4 November 1993, I attach hereto

& copy of a memorandum

containing comments by the K.D.A.C. for Region J on the

proposed North West S.P.R.

It would be appreciated if a copy of the memorandum could be
distributed to the various political parties involved.

Yeurs faithfully,

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HEMORANDUM

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PURPOSE:

To make final comuents to the Negotiating Council regarding sensitive areas adjacent to the proposed North West S.P.R.

COMMENTS :

The R.D.A.C. for Region J is of the opinion that the district of Oberholzer should be included in the Nortn West S.P.R. The Golden West Forum, which consists of the various political groupings, local authorities, naine houses, Civic Associations, organised labour, trade and industry, and agriculture have made presentations to Satswa and subsequently to the Commission for the inclusion of Uberholzer in the North West region.

Arguments were based on the following:

= The major economie =mctivities in the Oberholzer districet are mining and agriculture, like in the Western Transvaal;

- Local aunthoritiass are members of the Western Transvael Association Local Authorities (WESPO);

- Oberholzer falle within the Western Tranavaal region of the S.A.P. as well as the education circle for Potchefstroon;

- There is a strong trade pattsrn towards Potchefstroon;

- Strong sporting ties exist between Oberholzer and Potchefstroon;

- Inclusion of Oberholzer in the North West region

improves the economic viability of the region.

2.2 Thabazimbi District

- The RDAC appreciates that the inclusion of Thabazimbi in the Northern Transvaal is important for the economic

viability of the region, but wishes to emphasize that Thabazimbi was traditionally part of the Western Transvaal. Strong representation was made by Thabazimbi Town Council, the District Development Association and its constituent members, the mines, as well as the ANC that this area should be re-incorporated as part of the North West region.

The ANC submitted the viewpoint to the Commission's Technical Committee on 28 September 1983 that the southern boundary of the North West region should be the Orange River. This viewpoint is in line with Satsw's Option 1 and can be supported, especially in view of the fact that the remainder of region B may be demarcated to the Western Cape.