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Memo

To: Southern Africa Support and Human Rights Groups  
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Re: Feeding the Fire: Police Funding of Inkatha Continues

In July of 1991 the South African press revealed documents proving a long suspected alliance between the apartheid government and the Inkatha Movement of Chief Gatsha Buthelezi. Both groups initially denied that the government was funding Inkatha, but as more evidence came to light, both groups resorted to damage control, with the government promising to stop funding immediately.

Yet as 1992 begins both groups have been exposed again as new evidence has emerged that the South African Defense Force (SADF) continued to provide both funding and training to Inkatha soldiers through the use of front companies. In South Africa's Weekly Mail, Dr. Ben Conradie, a former senior official from such a front operation, disclosed that such front organizations are alive and well and being used to hide the fact that the SADF is still training Inkatha forces.

Conradie provided documents showing how the SADF used these companies to create, train, support, assist, and advise groups which they believed would enhance the "black-on-black" violence in order to undermine the ANC. Posing most often as educational organizations, these fronts have been funded by the SADF using secret state money, despite the government's claim that this type of funding has never occurred. Under such names as Adult Education Consultants in Pretoria and Dynamic Teaching in Port Elizabeth and East London these groups act as educators while in reality their main purpose and philosophy is to promote conflict between black resistance organizations so that eventually "they will destroy each other". As Mbongeni Khumalo, a former Inkatha central committee member stated just weeks ago, "I joined Inkatha because I wanted to work for the freedom of the Black man. I left it because I felt I was no more than an SADF agent."

These ties between Inkatha and the SADF not only reveal the corruption and dishonesty within the government but also confirm the theory that these two groups are in a deliberate and elaborate plan to cloak South Africa in violence. In destabilizing the country by the so-called "black-on-black" violence the government is prolonging white rule while also killing off the ANC leaders vital to building a new democratic country.

If the South African government feels that it can continue its unjust and illegal actions without detection, it will maintain its white rule indefinitely. By now it is painfully clear that de Klerk's strategy is two-fold: to negotiate with top leaders and talk change on one hand, while creating a climate of violence so threatening that grass roots political efforts are constantly imperiled and often crushed. In other words, killing the seeds of true democracy. However, with vigilant press exposure and the watchful eye of the international anti-apartheid community, the government will be forced to act responsibly. We have learned from past lessons this is the only way to enforce change in South Africa.

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# Police still funding Inkatha this year

The Weekly Mail has fresh evidence of security police funding of Inkatha — 10 months after President FW de Klerk ordered an end to such funding. By Weekly Mail

other activity which may be of aid to Inkatha is...

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# New secrets of Inkatha's training fundings

Mystery cheque for rally three days before Buthelezi met Mandela

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## How SADF helped

A senior employee tells how the military used front companies, either religious or educational, to train vigilante groups opposed to the ANC and UDF in the belief that they would destroy each other.  
By ANTON HARBER and GAYE DAVIS

MI is made clear, however, by Conradie. One document has Lieutenant-General Rudolf "Witkop" Badenhorst, then head of MI, signing on behalf of both MI and AEC. Badenhorst has communicated extensively on the matter with Conradie. Conradie was involved in an operation called "Project Henry", which created and supported Ama-Afrika in Port Elizabeth. Ama-Afrika has been directly implicated in bloody conflict in the area and was repeatedly accused during the State of Emergency of working with the police to attack United Democratic Front members and their properties.

## train the township thugs

Despite government assurances that secret funding was stopped early in 1990, another Inkatha rally was funded this year. And this time, the conduit for police funds was the academic think-tank, the Inkatha Institute. We speak to its director, Gavin Woods, on PAGE 2

Dirty tricks network still flourishes nationwide



this use of SADF material, he was told other vehicles with false number plates would be used in future. Thereafter, according to Conradie, the food was delivered in army bakkies with the EP Command badge, but bearing different number plates. Maqina showed Conradie homemade weapons he had in his possession and asked him to organise military training for his youths. A document was sent to Gen... against their parent... "I take my hat to... Coast who stood... political pervers... Buthelezi as saying... "I am going to... the IFP and the A... spirit of creating... organisations so t... that created violen... However, a few... an outbreak of v... the rival organis... from Mzumba...

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ally an envelope would be dropped off in my office from someone in Ulundi and it was done in favour of Major Botha. ... or I would... different parts of southern Natal. Botha was deeply involved in organising the event and took personal charge of many of the logistics, according to the evidence. Buthelezi met Mandela in Durban on January

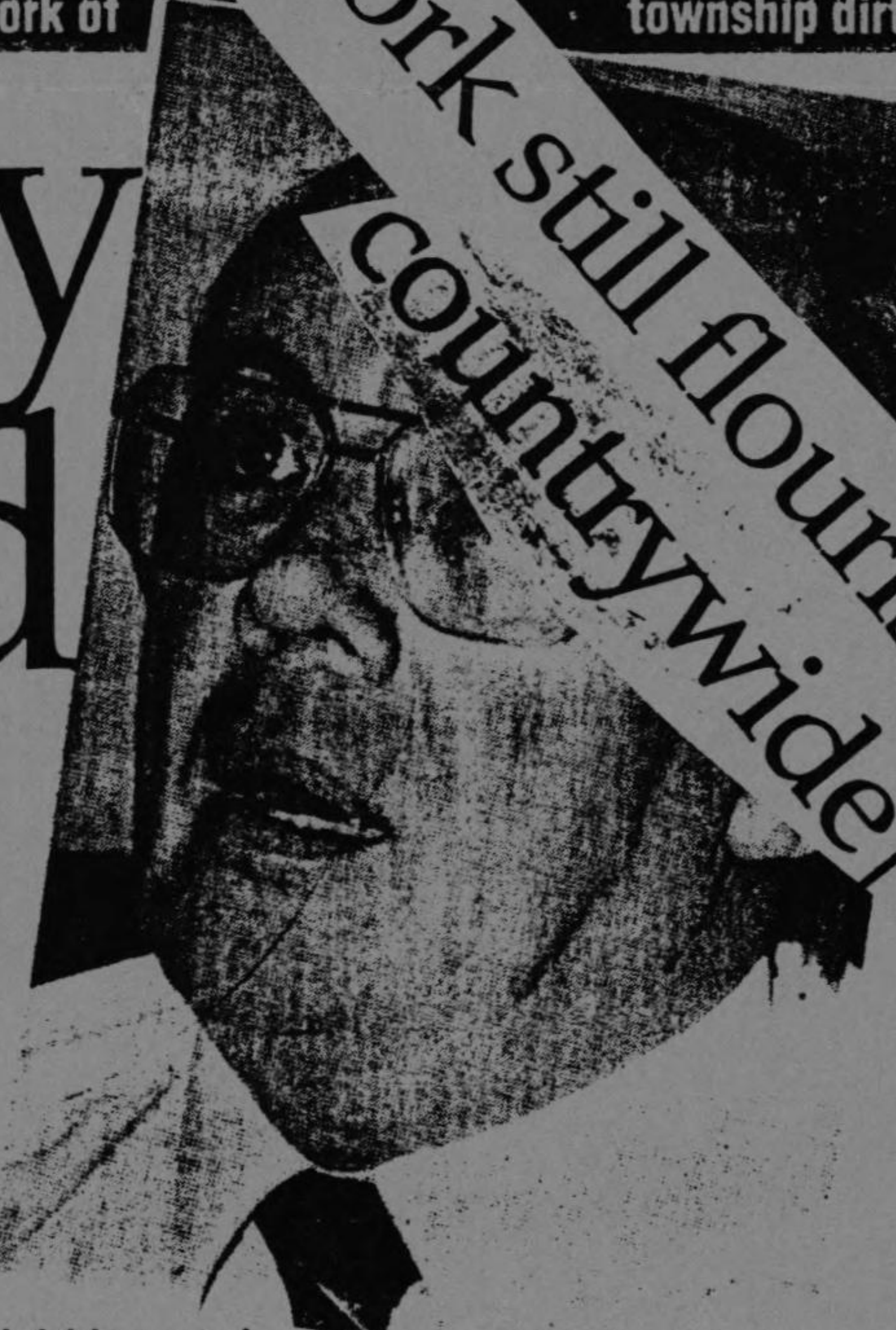
The new evidence has serious implications for the credibility of De Klerk's government. After the thagagate scandal broke De Klerk issued a statement saying that he told parliament of the projects funded by the government last year and instructions were given to cancel these. The statement was backed by a Finance Minister Barend du... there was financial assistance to Inkatha rallies, as

township dirty-tricks operations...

# How army sponsored township violence

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Unfairly treated... Dr Ben Conradie speaks out

An angry SADF 'link man' poses the military's years-long covert role in violence

A grisly attack on a funeral... then SAP returns the weapons