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The arrest and detention of ANC members and other actiwsts of the democratic mevement, announced by the Bephutatswana authorities this morning, Monday 12th November, is but one more example of an unpopular regime trying to postpone its demise by repression.

The allegation that members of the ANC resident in Bophutatswana were plotting to assassinate Dr Lucas Mangope are as reckless as they are absurd. The ANC repudiates these claims with the contempt they deserve.

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The ANC, along with the international community, has never recognised Bophutatswana as seperate and apart extravagant claims that "Radio Freedom" is inciting the people to Oppose the so-called sovereignty of Bephutatswana misconstrution of a longâ\200\224standing ANC peiicy with a view to lending

from the rest of South Africa. Dr Mangopeâ\200\231s

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The ANC demands the immediate and uncendltional release of all
these who have been arresttd and an end to the reprmssmh ot the
democratic movement in that. part. of our country.

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As a mowmcnt committed to creating a climate conducive to
negmiations, we are: cxtremcly concerncd at the events at the past
week and thc State President's role in them.

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The African National Congress initiated the peacc process. We are
firmly committed to achieving a negotiated settlement, in our
country. Nelson Mandela has repeatedly stated that he perceives
President De. Klerk has a man of integrity. However, events of the pastÂ»
week have forced beth Nelson Mandela and the African National
Congress to call into question the integrity of FW do Klerk.

Dc chrk and the government's undermining of efforts to achieve a
genuine. peace settlement places the whole negotiations process in
jeopardy.

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This vicw has been determined by, amangst ethers. the. factors listed
below:

We wish to place. that following information on mcord. At the
government's Specific request the: meeting between the ANC
delegatioxz, led by Nelson Mandela, and that of President De Klerk,
was to be kept confidential. While we abided by this requetttt,
government sources n01 only â\200\234Icakcdâ\200\235 the fact of the meeting, but
relegated its importance.

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The meeting agreed that neither party would say anything contrary to
the brief joint statement released. Again. we abided by this.

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ANC PRESS STATEMENT ON THE 'VULA' TRIALISTS

Sethyndranath (Meet Meharej, Siphiwe Nyande. Reymen Leta, Catherine Mvetaee, Susanna Tehabeieia. Dlpak Patei, Prevtn Gordhan and AmneSh \$ehkar em currentty appearing in court in Durban, Charged with, amongst other things, treason. Togetiae; mm peepie like Bitty Nair and Ronnie Kasrits, they were arrested in connection with Operation Vute.

The African National Congress, mindiut {if the continued propaganda and distortione about Op-eration Vuia being a communist plot. wishes to again piece the tottewing on record:

* Operation Vuie was en ANC operation, futty authenâ\200\231leed by the National Executive Comn'iittee ot the ANC.

* President Tambo was; in charge of Vute untii his iineee, when his duties were taken over by ANC Secretew Generei Alfred Nae.

* Vula was a long-standing operation. launched during the time when the ANC was engaged i n military activity, and was part of the everatt strategy of the ANC. As such the entire NE C is responseihte for its: opmatien.

" in discussions with the government. resulting in the Greote Schuur end Preteria Minutes , it was fully understood that the ANC undergreund wee iutty epet'etieriet, end that we had cadres and weapons in the country.

The ANC makes the fettewing demands;

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pending the outcome of the indemnity hearing. Att eo-â\200\230oatiee offences committed i n connection with

Operation Vuta occurred prior to the agreed cet-eï-\201 date, 12 noon on 8 October, 1990. i

* Immediate measures shoud be taken against thoe memeere ofthe security forces responsi ble for the torture of the prisoners white in detention.

We see the continued prosecution of our cadres as not only persecution but also a political
motivated smear campaign against the ANC, pursued to try to drive a wedge between us and o
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attitude, the SACFâ\200\231. Such propaganda is not in keeping with the spirit of
our negotiations. The
objective is also to create confusion among our people.

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