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I have been informed by individuals within Mocambican Intelligence that two individuals understood by them to be operatives of South Africaâ\200\231s National Intelligence Service (NIS) visited Maputo on October 28 last year with the view of soliciting their support for a campaign to discredit the Inkatha Freedom Party internationally by alleging that the IFP had links with RENAMO and that these links were being used to foment violence.

I have established that a former Zimbabwean who currently works for The Star in Johannesburg, Peta Thornycroft, flew to Maputo in October last year accompanied by an intelligence agent from . Natal with close links to NIS.

This agent, who is directly controlled by Major Hentie Botha, a CIS officer with close links to NIS, arranged visas for himself and Peta Thornycroft through one Rousario, a Mocambican intelligence operative.

Before flying to Maputo, where he met up with Ms Thornycroft, the agent reported in detail to Major Botha and I thus draw the conclusion that he went on this mission with his full blessing.

Prior to the departure of Ms Thornycroft and the NIS agent, Mr -Jacques Pauw, a journalist who once worked for the Vrye Weekblad and now works for The Star, was in constant contact with the NIS agent to plan the trip. His contact in Mocambican intelligence was one Vasco.

There was no doubt that the purpose of the trip was to discredit the IFP by 'proving' that it had links with RENAMO and that it was smuggling arms into Natal and elsewhere. I might add that the story about Renamo has its roots in the ANC camp and was first put into the world by the ANC-aligned â\200\231New Nation.â\200\231 :

Mocambican Intelligence was unable to help the NIS agent and The Starâ\200\231s journalist, Peta Thornycroft, had to return without being able to corroborate her story. This did not, however, stop her and Jacques Pauw from publishing a scurrilous report in the Sunday Star and Sunday Tribune under the heading "How Inkatha Gets its Guns."

This report is but one of a long line of reports that form part of an elaborate propaganda campaign designed to portray the Inkatha

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I call on the Government to remove Major â\200\230Hentie Botha from- office  
and to take urgent steps to ensure that NIS is not abused for party: . . .  
political purposes.

There lis further evidence that NIS-linked individuals have taken  
part in actions designed as assaults on the IFP and to besmirch its:  
good name. I have tasked a number of individuals to investigate  
this: further .and . ' to report their findings to me: Further  
announcements will be made through the IFP Information Centre . in  
Durban.

