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WHO KNEW WHAT . . . AND WHEN

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● **MALAN**, Magnus (minister of defence and member of State Security Council during the period): On December 19 1985 is told of Chief Buthelezi's security requirements. Is mandated to assist Chief Buthelezi in the creation of a security force for Kwazulu. Provides a summary of recommendations for Mr Heunis, but omits those dealing with the establishment of an offensive unit.

● **GROENEWALD**, Pieter Hendrik (chief director of Military Intelligence until August 1986, answerable to Chief-of-Staff, Intelligence, Vice-Admiral Putter): Meets Chief Buthelezi on November 25 1985 and hears his security requirements to ward off ANC/UDF threat to him and Inkatha. Reports outcome of meeting to Vice-Admiral Putter and on December 19 1985 presents Chief Buthelezi's requirements to

General Malan with a recommendation that the SADF should train a defensive unit of 50-100 men and, in secret, an offensive unit of 10-20. Is told to investigate the creation of a paramilitary unit. Given 200 candidates for training and told to set up a task group for the paramilitary project.

● **PUTTER**, Andries Petrus (Vice-Admiral and Chief-of-Staff, Intelligence, for the SADF): On November 27 1985 he recommends to SADF chief General Johann Geldenhuys that he or the minister of defence should meet Chief Buthelezi as soon as possible to capitalise on the latter's conciliatory mood towards the SADF. A task group is formed which recommends on February 12 that paramilitary aid for Chief Buthelezi be kept secret and be his responsibility as Chief-of-Staff, Intelligence. He is told by General

Malan to "sell" this covert plan to Chief Buthelezi. He tells General Geldenhuys that, owing to the urgency of implementing Operation Marion, they are proceeding on verbal authority, and tells him training of recruits will start on April 16 1986 in the Caprivi Strip.

● **GELDENHUYS**, Johannes Jacobus (Chief of the SADF): Attends meeting of the State Security Council on December 20 1985 when the issue of how best to capitalise on Chief Buthelezi's attitude is discussed. On February 3 1986 attends meeting of State Security Council at which authority is given to provide Chief Buthelezi with assistance. On February 17 he appoints a task group to work out the details of paramilitary aid. On April 8, after receiving the task group's report, he instructs Vice-Admiral Putter to sell the covert leg of the plan to Chief Buthelezi.

● **VAN TONDER**, Cornelius Jacobus (Chief director of special tasks under the command of Vice-Admiral Putter. In August 1986 took over from General Groenewald as chief director of military intelligence): On April 16 is put in charge of managing Operation Marion. He is told to use part of the guerrilla warfare school in the Caprivi for training Inkatha members. Offers congratulations after the hit squad operation.

● **VAN NIEKERK**, Cornelius Johannes (attached to the directorate of Military Intelligence. As the director of special tasks, Operation Marion was his specific responsibility at relevant times): Sits on a committee appointed by the State Security Council to investigate the creation of a paramilitary unit for Inkatha. On February 12 1986 he accompanies General Groenewald to a meeting

with Chief Buthelezi. Is ordered by General Malan to head the project under the command of General Cornelius van Tonder. He is put in charge of training members of the Inkatha paramilitary unit. On October 16 1986 he visits Chief Buthelezi in Ulundi and Operation Marion is discussed.

● **LIEBENBERG**, Andreas Jacobus (chief of the army at times relevant to the charges): He chairs the task group which draws up the specifics of the paramilitary project at General Malan's request. The report of the task group becomes the foundation of Operation Marion and is handed to General Geldenhuys on February 27 1986.

● **MORE**, John Reeves (attached to MI and senior staff officer of Operation Marion. Attached to the directorate of special tasks headed by General van Tonder): On October 16 1986

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meets Chief Buthelezi in Ulundi with Brigadier van Niekerk. Reports to General van Tonder that the first 200 trainees are back in Natal and ready for deployment, and that money for their salaries have been deposited into an Inkatha account. Grants permission to instructors Andre Cloete and J P Opperman to plan their first operation. Conveys approval of selected target.

He arranges for the AK-47s and ammunition to be obtained from the Ferntree Military Base in Natal and says he will arrange for their collection and destruction after the operation.

● VANDER MERWE, Jan Hendrik: Is instrumental in paying the trainees in the Caprivi. He is handed the AK-47s after the hit.

● BOTHA, Louis (in security branch of the SAP and Operation Marion's liaison officer): Is ap-

proached by Mr Opperman with the names of possible targets and indicates he has no objection as none is an informer of the security branch. The night before the operation he is briefed fully by Mr Opperman and Mr Cloete. Arrangements are made with him to have police patrols diverted from the operational area, and for him to act as sweeper.

● JACOBS, Gerhardus Mario (officer commanding at Camp Hippo in the Caprivi): Oversees training of the Inkatha members and their division into groups.

● KHUMALO, Melchizedek Zakhele (personal assistant to Chief Buthelezi and liaison person between Inkatha and Operation Marion): Attends passing out parade of trainees and pays them. Meets with Mr Opperman and Mr Cloete and they decide to plan a hit. He meets with the two and the

hit squad outside Ulundi when the squad is instructed how to attack the house and given AK-47s.

● VICTOR, Jacobus Adriaan (senior staff officer in charge of intelligence at Natal Command): Given the names of four possible targets and checks to ensure they are not military sources. Receives the AK-47s after the operation and holds for collection.

● GRIESEL, Gerrit Cornelis (commander of military base at Ferntree in Natal): Supplies weaponry for the hit.

● MSANE, Peter: Trains as member of the offensive group and is assigned to drive the hit vehicle

● KHANYILE, Martin Thulani; NDLOVU, Celukwanda; MKHIZE, Prince Phezukwendoda; MBUYAZI, Hloni Andreas; BIYELE, Alex Vulindlela: All part of the hit squad.