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Re: MPHANDO

Dear Cdes,

today a Soviet official visited our office to deliver some letters and messages. In the process, he told me that there are some boxes of clothing that came recently with one group. They come from the West, meant for cdes doing special studies here.

He told me that the army officers indicated to him that such things are illegal. Earlier on I had consulted here on the same mphando question. The Soviets did not understand why we are returning these clothes here. They stopped short of saying what is the implication? It is worse if this mphando operation is done through me and even without my being consulted.

I had written to you earlier on the same matter trying to discourage this development. But comrades are insisting and the amounts increasing. But, comrades, what is the basis for this decision? Who decided on it?

In December I was in Lusaka. I raised the same question with the leaders of MK, in particular cde JM. He did not understand this. But now your covering letter says the decision comes from MHQ. That puts me in an awkward position. Can we clear this question once and for all, taking into account the points that I have raised in this letter. The main thing is not to offend the host country.

As I am writing the letter, I have not gone to the army officer to collect the boxes. When your letter arrived, cde Thembi was in the office. I asked additionally to raise the same question with you, comrades. If this sending of mphando is absolutely

necessary, let us find a proper way of handling it.

I am sending a copy of this letter to MHQ to make sure that we all speak the same language in the end.

For Mass Action!



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