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TO: EDITORS, NEWS EDITORS, BUREAU CHIEFS, CORRESPONDENTS.

STATEMENT BY DR MANGOSUTHU G. BUTHELEZI, PRESIDENT. INKATHA
FREEDOM PARTY.

SUNDAY NIGHT MR THABO MBEKI, AN
WAS ASKED WHEN THERE WOULD BE A
HIP OF THE ANC AND THE INKATHA

I WAS ASTOUNDED TO HEAR MR MBEKI SAY THAT THE MATTER DEPENDED
ON MY ACCEPTANCE OF A DATE AND VENUE. THIS WAS A BLATANT
DISTORTION OF THE TRUTH. :

I HAVE YET TO RECEIVE ANY FORMAL INDICATION FROM THE NATIONAL
i F THE ANC THAT THEY DESIRE TRIS
D MEDIA REPORTS OF AN ANC NEC RES
THIS EFFECT, NOTHING HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO
ME BY THEM IN THIS REGARD AT ANY TIME.

1T IS WELL KNOKN THAT, IN THE 8EST INTERESTS OF ATTEMPTING TO
BRING ABOUT A HIDEOUS BLOODSHED AND TO DO WHATEYER
WE CAN TO ENSURE Y POLITICAL COEXISTENCE AND NATIONAL
UNITY, I HAVE REPE THAT A TQP-LE
MEETING WOULD BE DESIRA Â\$] LLY AC
THE LEADERSHIP b1 COLLECTIVELY
RECORDED REQUESTS 1

FOR TLINED, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE IFP HAS A
MANDATE F EMBERSHIP N VARIOUS CONFERENCE
T ET LEADERS OF THE
Âç 70 DO SO. ALL
A DATE AND TIME

FORTHCOMING.

THE-REALITY IS THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ANC/SACP ALLIANCE
HAS YET TO REACH CONSENSUS ON TALKS AT THE LEVEL AT 1SSUE.

IN VIEW OF MR MBEKI'S DE TEMPT TO OBFUSCATE THE
FACTS, AND IN R OR POSITION HE HOLDS
WITHIN THE ANC, 0 E T+0F A TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE 0OF THE ANC, DR
NELSON MANDELA, AND MYSELF

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DR MANDELA CONTACTED ME ON ANOTHER MATTER AND IN THE COURSE OF GENERAL DISCUSSION HE ASKED ME --.AND I AM QUOTING HIM DIRECTLY -â\200\224 TO "BE PATIENT" ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF AN ANC/IFP MEETING.

HIS EXACT WORDS WERE THAT I SHOULD "BE PATIENT" AS A FORTHCOMING ANC/IFP MEETING WAS "IN THE PIPELINE.â\204¢ HE WAS TELLING ME THAT THE ANC/SACP ALLIANCE HAS YET TO RESOLVE THE ISSUZ BUT THAT THEY WERE WORKING ON IT.

SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE IS BEING PLACED ON SUCH A MEETING BY MANY SZNIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POLITICAL COMMENTATORS AND OTHERS, BOTH IN SOUTH AFRICA AND INTERNATIONALLY. THE EMPHASIS, TIME AND AGAIN, IS THAT DR MANDELA AND I SHOULD BE SEEN TOGETHER. THEREFORE, THE RRECISE STATE OF AFFAIRS SHOULD BE OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

IN MY OWN MIND, DR MANDELA AND I ARE FRIENDS AND ALWAYS WILL BE, NO MATTER OUR POLITICAL ALLEGIENCES AND VARYING PARTY POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS. THE TIME HAS LON& PERHAPS PAST WHEN, AS SOME SAW THE NEED, HE AND I SHOULD HAVE PUBLICLY EMBRACED.

THAT SYMBOLIC MOMENT IN TIME, WITH ALL ITS INHERENT IMPLICATIONS, MAY HAVE BEEN LOST. IT WAS NOT MADE POSSIBLE AND THERE WAS NOTHING EITHER OF US COULD DO ABOUT IT.

PRIVATELY WE CAN AND DO SPEAK AS BROTHERS, AS SOME MAY KNOW, AND FROM MY SIDE I BELIEVE THERE TO BE MUTUAL WARMTH AND RESPECT.

IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT US TO REACH OUT TO EACH OTHER FOR ALL TO SEE, AND IF THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE SAY IS NEEDED, I-RILLBE THERE AS WILL MY COLLEAGUS IN THE IFP.

IN THE MEANTIME, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT WE HAVE TALKED AND THERE IS, AS I PERCEIVE IT, THE OPEN EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP THAT WE HAVE HAD FOR A VERY LONG TIME. by  
WE ARE BOTH LOYAL SERVANTS OF OUR ORGANISATIONS. THE LEADERSHIPS OF OUR ORGANISATIONS DO, I BELIEVE, NEED TO MEET AND I AM UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT DR MANDELA IS OF THE SAME OPINION. HE HAS OPENLY EXPRESSED THE CONSTRAINTS HE MUST HEED. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN HE FIRST ATTEMPTED A MEETING BETWEEN" US HE NOTED THAT HE WAS "NEARLY THROTTLED" FOR BOING SO.

THAT MEANS WE WILL GET TOGETHER WHEN THE ANC/SACP ALLIANCE CAN REACH THE UNANIMITY REQUIRED. THE IFP HAS ALREADY CONFERRED "â\200\230AND, FROM OUR SIDE, THE USUAL DIPLOMATIC COURTESIES WILL ONLY BE A MERE FORMALITY PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

IN WHATEVER WE FINALLY DISCUSS, THE DESIRE OF THE IFP IS THAT OUR ACTIONS WILL BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND OF BENEFIT TO ALL SOUTH AFRICANS. '

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STATEMENT BY DR MANGOSUTHU G. BUTHELEZI, PRESIDENT, INKATHA  
FREEDCOM PARTY.

THE WEEKEND MASSACRE IN SEBOKENG HAS GREATLY DISTRESSED ME.  
IT WAS SHOCKING AND EVIL AND, YET AGAIN, PAIN HAS BEEN HEAPED  
UPON PAIN. MORE DEPARTED SOULS ARE MOURNED. THE DEATH,  
DESTRUCTION AND SUFFERING CONTINUES IN 1991. THERE MUST BE AN  
END TO THIS CARNAGE.

WORDS OF CONDEMNATION ARE NOT ENOUGH. INSTRUMENTS OF THE  
STATE, POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP, THE  
ROCKBED OF SOCIETY -- ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN -- MUST COMBINE  
TO ENSURE THAT THIS KIND OF HORROR NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN. IT  
IS TIME WE ALL WORKED TOGETHER WITH SINCERITY AND A  
DETERMINATION TO, ONCE AND FOR'ALL, EXCISE THE CANCER OF  
VIOLENCE FROM OUR MIDST.

CO-OPERATION IS CRITICAL: HONESTY AND BRAVERY TOO.  
POLITICAL CLEAVAGES MUST BE TRANSCENDED IN THIS MATTER TO  
ENABLE APPROPRIATE AND DECENT ACTION BY ALL IN THE QUEST FOR  
PEACE.

THOSE WHO ACT, OR THREATEN TO ACT, CONTRARY TO CIVILISED  
NORMS OF BEHAVIOUR AND WHO, AS A RESULT, JEOPARDISE LIVES AND  
IMPERIL THE NORMAL EQUILIBRIUM OF PEOPLES' EXISTENCE, SHOULD  
BE EXPOSED. I ASK THAT THE RULE OF LAW BE RESPECTED AND  
THAT, TOGETHER, ALL WHO CARE COMBINE TO HELP EACH OTHER  
ACHIEVE THIS TASK FOR A COMMON GOOD. EITHER WE DO THIS OR WE  
WILL BE STARING ANARCHY IN THE FACE. WHAT HAPPENED IN  
SEBOKENE CAN WELL BE VIEWED AS AN OMEN NOBODY SHOULD IGNORE.

MECHANISMS MUST BE SET IN PLACE IMMEDIATELY WITH THE ACTIVE

ASSISTANCE OF ALL I HAVE MENTIONED. THERE SHOULD BE -

NOTHING COMPLICATED ABOUT THIS, THERE NEED NOT BE.  
PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PEACE CANNOT BE DICTATED. THEY SHOULD, I  
THINK, EVOLVE BY CONSENSUS AND A GENUINE, HEARTFELT, DESIRE  
TO ACHIEVE. »

ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO GET STARTED IS GOODWILL AND A  
FUNDAMENTAL ALL-EMBRACING RESOLUTENESS TO EFFECT STABILITY IN  
OUR SOCIETY AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL HAVE A GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO  
SAFETY, THE PROTECTION OF THEIR LIVELIHOODS AND PROPERTY, AND  
FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION.

TO DEMAND THAT ACHIEVEMENT FROM OTHERS WHILE STANDING BACK  
AND POINTING FINGERS OF ACCUSATION WILL ACHIEVE NOTHING. WE  
ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER AND NOW, SURELY, WE MUST WORK  
TOGETHER SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD

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