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By RAYMOND HARTLE  
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today after a dispute  
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colonel Lourens du  
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Army counsel Anton  
Mostert, SC. attempted to  
put to Mr Du Plessis that he  
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He said Mr Du Plessis  
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Mr Mostert said the issue  
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the record of earlier evidence should be examined.

After being told that it won not be possible to replay the taped evidence in the matter stand down until Mr Du Plessis told Mr doubted that former East-ead Joffel van der West- would have

The retired colonel, who responsible for the summit of the local Jogt Committee, Westhuizen informed to send the Van

ordered him to send the Van Rensburg how he get rid of "them". he Gomwe Justice Zietsman Mr Du Plessis when

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then Gen Van Rensburg could have helped in securing Mr Goniwels detention if it was suggested this was the reason for the signal. Mr Du Plessis said he doubted this.

The former army officer insisted that the term "get rid of" was a veiled death sentence.

Mr Mostert referred to several documents from meetings of joint management committees in various cities which referred  
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Inquest dispute to the removal of identified radicals from black townships.

Mr Mostert said these references were not an instruction to kill.

Colonel Du Plessis said he agreed, but as far as he was concerned "permanent" was irrevocable

Asked by Mr Justice Zietsman about the words on the signal he sent to Pretoria calling for the permanent removal from society of Cradock activists Matthew Gomwe, Mbelelo Goniwe and Fort Calata, he said it meant the men should be killed.

Judge Zietsman asked whether, if it had been intended that Matthew Goniwe should only be detained, an approach would have been made to Brigadier Johannes van

Rensburg, who had been seconded from the SADF to the State Security Council. Col Du Plessis replied that in 1985 it was not possible to detain people for an lengthy period and detentions were the work of the security police.

Judge Zietsman: I Brigadier (Joffel) van der Westhuizen wanted him detained for a long time would he have contacted Brigadier van Rensburg? Col Du Plessis said: Ge: Van der Westhuizen has told him Brig Va; Rensburg would help to get rid of Goniwe.

(Proceeding)