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TO CHIEF REP.

FROM: PRESIDENT

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PRESS RELEASE

1. TODAY IS THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND WEEK AFTER THE MANDELAHOUSE WAS GUTTED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IRRESPECTIVE OF ALL THE DISINFORMATION LEAFLETS AND PROPAGANDA BY FORCES WHICH ARE AGAINST THE PEOPLE LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND THE UNITY NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SOWETO COMMUNITY AND ALL SOUTH AFRICANS FOR RESPONDING TO OUR CALL FOR CALM AND VIGILANCE DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

2. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE FAMILY IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO RESTORE THE MANDELA HOUSE TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE. PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE ALREADY TO COVER THE RELATED COSTS. WE HOPE THAT THE HOUSE WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

WE WISH TO THANK MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR CLEARING UP THE DEBRIS TO PREPARE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HOUSE.

3. WHILST DEADLINE WITH THE CRISIS OCCASIONED BY THE BURNING OF THE MANDELA HOUSE THE CONTROVERSY AROUND MR ROBERT BROWN AND THE ISSUE OF THE POWER OF ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE INTEREST OF THE FAMILY INTENSIFIED AND CONFUSION HAS ARISEN BECAUSE OF MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS AND BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION.

4. THIS CONTROVERSY HAS ADDED MORE PAIN TO THE FAMILY IN THE LIGHT OF THE BURNING OF THE HOUSE. TO ASSIST IN CLEARING UP THIS MATTER WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE FAMILY, MR ROBERT BROWN AND THE FAMILY LAWYER, MR ISMAEL AYOB.

5. OUT OF OUR CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING FACTS REGARDING THIS MATTER:

5.1. THAT MR BROWN DISCUSSED THE NEED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE MANDELA FAMILY IN THE USA AND ELSEWHERE WITH MR MANDELA'S DAUGHTER ZENANI IN BOSTON, USA.

5.2. THAT MR BROWN CAME TO SOUTH AFRICA AND VISITED MR MANDELA ON THE 23RD JULY 1988 TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH MR MANDELA.

5.3. THAT BOTH MRS WINNIE MANDELA, MS ZENZI MANDELA, MR ROBERT BROWN AND ISMAEL AYOB AGREE THAT MR MANDELA DID NOT GIVE MR BROWN THE POWER OF ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE MANDELA FAMILY'S INTERESTS.

WHATEVER IMPRESSION MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED WHETHER MR BROWN WAS GIVEN THE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR NOT HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY SETTLED WITH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

5.4. THAT ALL PARTIES INVOLVED AGREE THAT MR MANDELA'S VIEW WAS THAT ANY MATTER RELATED TO THE FAMILY MUST BE DEALT WITH BY HIS ORGANISATION, THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) WHICH IS AUTHORISED AND EMPOWERED TO ACT ON HIS BEHALF.

5.5. THAT MR MANDELA ADVISED MR BROWN ACCORDINGLY TO PUT HIS CONCERNS ABOUT THE USE OF THE MANDELA NAME TO MR OLIVER TAMBO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ANC. THAT HE (MR MANDELA) WILL CONSIDER ANY DECISION MADE BY THE ANC TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE FAMILY

5.6. ON THE BASIS OF THESE FACTS IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT THE MANDELA FAMILY IS UNITED ON THIS MATTER AND THAT THE ONLY PERSON WITH WHOM IT CAN BE TAKEN ANY FURTHER IS MR TAMBO.

6. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS STATEMENT WILL LAY THIS MATTER TO REST ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OF THE FAMILY FOLLOWING THE BURNING OF THE HOUSE.

RELEASED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY LEADERS INVOLVED IN THE CRISIS RELATED TO THE BURNING OF THE MANDELA HOUSE:

1. THE REVD FRANK CHIKANE
- 11) MR CYRIL RAMOPHOSA
- 111) SISTER BERNARD MNCUBE
- IV) MR AUBREY MOKOENA
- V) DR BEYERS NAUDE
- VI) MR SYDNEY MAFUMADE

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