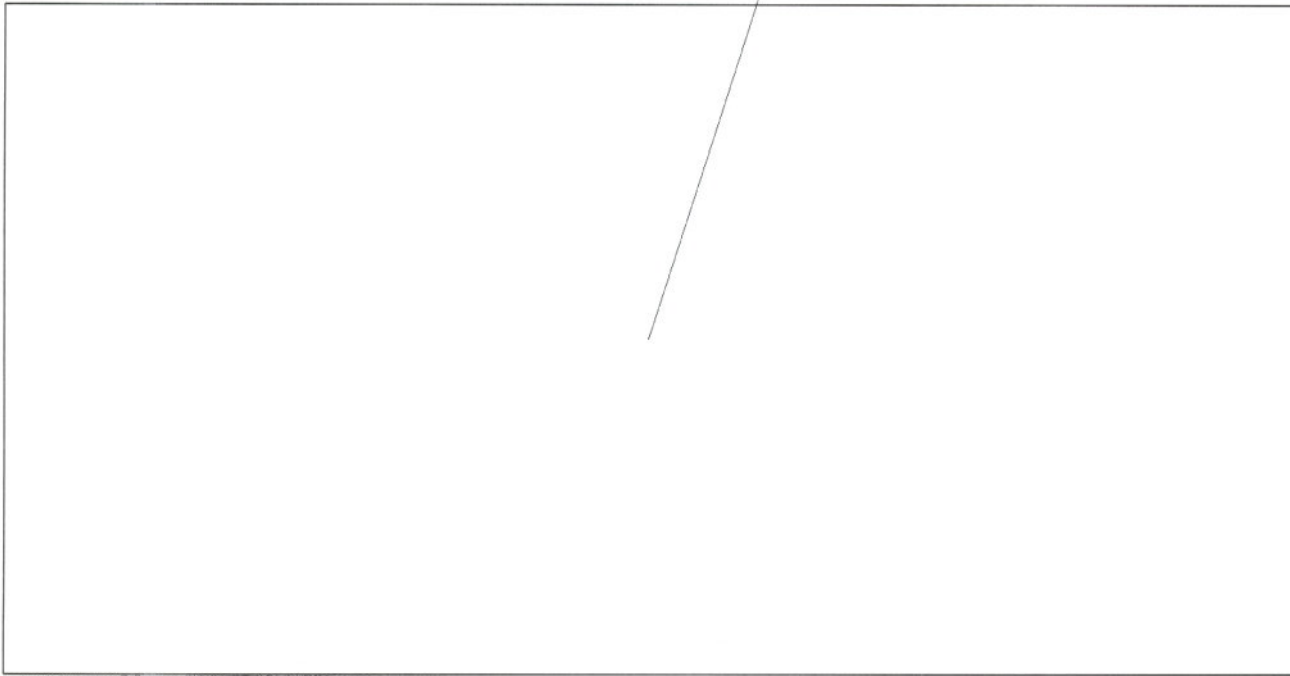


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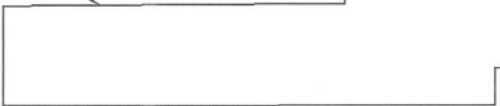


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SUMMARY: ~~(C)~~ FORMER MK OFFICERS APPLAUD THE RECENT ARREST OF MALAN AND THE GENERALS. THERE IS SOME INDICATION OTHER SERVING OFFICERS MAY BE IMPLICATED DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C)~~ THE FORMER UMKHONTO WE SIZWE (MK) OFFICERS SERVING IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE (SANDF) WELCOME THE RECENT ARREST OF FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL MAGNUS ((MALAN)) AND 19 FORMER MILITARY OFFICERS/POLICE. MK OFFICERS CITE THE ATTEMPTS OF A BLANKET INDEMNITY GRANTED BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT, AND THE ARROGANCE OF FORMER SENIOR OFFICERS TOWARD THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION, AS OBSTACLES IN REACHING A MEASURE OF TRUST AMONG THE DIVERGENT GROUPS CURRENTLY INTEGRATED INTO THE SANDF. THESE MK OFFICERS HOPE THE

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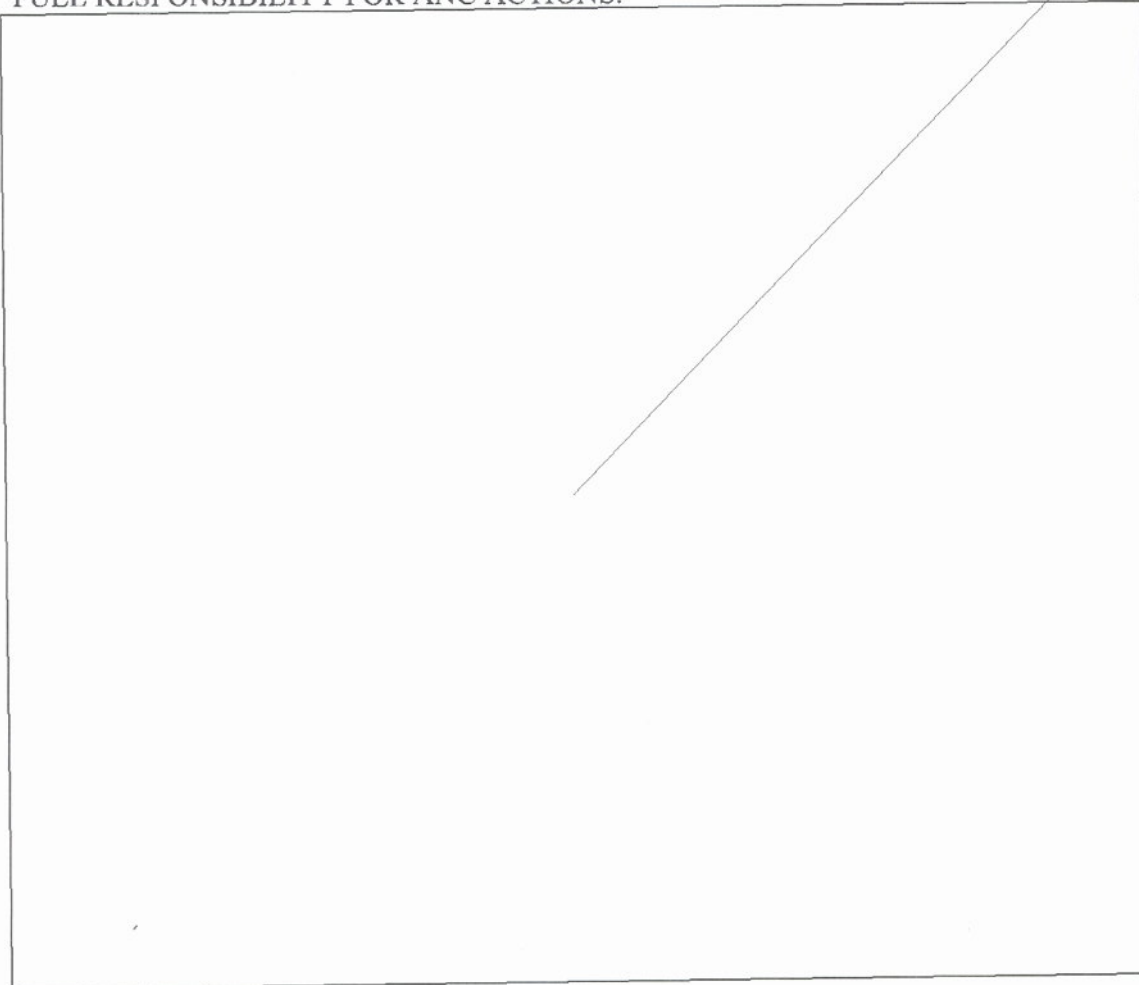
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TRIAL WILL HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR FORMER SADF OFFICERS TO REPORT PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES TO THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEES. MK OFFICERS BELIEVE THE INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL COULD IMPLICATE OTHER SENIOR SANDF OFFICERS SERVING IN KEY POSITIONS. IN ADDITION, MK OFFICERS BELIEVE THE TRIAL ALSO SERVES AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN HIGHLIGHTING THE ROOT CAUSES OF PROBLEMS IN KWA-ZULU/NATAL.

2. ~~(c)~~ CONCERNING INVESTIGATIONS INTO SIMILAR ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY MK DURING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE, MK OFFICERS JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS BY SAYING THEY WERE FIGHTING A CORRUPT REGIME, AND THAT MOST OF THEIR OPERATIONS TARGETED SADF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS WERE TARGETED, MK OFFICERS ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED INDEMNITY FROM PRESIDENT FW ((DE KLERK)) DURING THEIR CIRCA 1990 RETURN FROM EXILE. MK OFFICERS ARE ALSO QUICK TO POINT OUT THEIR ACTIONS WERE MINUSCULE WHEN COMPARED TO THOSE OF THE APARTHEID REGIME. THEY CLAIM THAT EVEN THE MARCH 1994 SHOOTING OF INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY (IFP) MEMBERS OUTSIDE THE ANC'S SHELL HOUSE HEADQUARTERS WAS "INDEMNIFIED" BY PRESIDENT NELSON ((MANDELA)), WHO TOOK FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANC ACTIONS.

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