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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

25-Jun-1992 00:39 EDT

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM: (WHSR\_ROUTER@WHSR)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO SOUTH AFRICAN INKATHA

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO SOUTH AFRICAN INKATHA  
LEADER BUTHELEZI

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
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LEADER BUTHELEZI  
1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO INKATHA LEADER  
BUTHELEZI FROM PRESIDENT BUSH.  
2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BUSH TO INKATHA  
LEADER CHIEF BUTHELEZI:  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
DEAR CHIEF MINISTER:

DECLASSIFIED  
PER DOS WAIVER, November 6, 2015  
By mm NARA, Date 1/31/2022

AS YOU ARE AWARE FROM OUR PAST DISCUSSIONS. I FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH GREAT INTEREST. THUS, I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE IN YOUR COUNTRY AND WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THE LOSS OF LIFE IN BOIPATONG OVER THE PAST WEEK.

SUCH LOSS OF LIFE IS TRAGIC UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BUT IT IS DOUBLY SO IN THIS CASE BECAUSE OF THE THREAT IT POSES TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS IN THE WAKE OF THE DEADLOCK IN CODESA II. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT MANY SOUTH AFRICANS FEEL GREAT FRUSTRATION AND ANGER AT THIS JUNCTURE. BUT THE CODESA PROCESS OFFERS THE ONLY MEANS OF ADDRESSING THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF VIOLENCE. AS A KEY FIGURE IN SOUTH AFRICA, I KNOW YOU WILL HELP FIND THE ESSENTIAL COMPROMISES NEEDED TO UNBLOCK THE NEGOTIATIONS AND PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

MEANWHILE, MORE MUST BE DONE TO CONTROL THE VIOLENCE. THOSE WHO SEEK TO DERAIL THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, WHITE OR BLACK, MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO SO BY PROVOKING VIOLENCE. I AM URGING MR. MANDELA AND PRESIDENT DE KLERK TO REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE. I ASK YOU TO DO LIKEWISE. YOU HAVE GREAT POWERS OF MORAL PERSUASION. PLEASE USE IT TO PROMOTE PEACE AND TO ISOLATE THOSE WHO PROVOKE THE VIOLENCE IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE POSSIBILILTIES FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE.

I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY BAKER TO BE AVAILABLE TO YOU IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS THESE OR OTHER ISSUES FURTHER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE COULD BE HELPFUL AT THIS TIME.

SINCERELY,  
GEORGE BUSH  
SINCERELY,

/S/  
CHIEF MINISTER MANGOSUTHU BUTHELEZI  
ULUNDI, KWAZULU  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  
END TEXT OF LETTER  
NO SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW. BAKER

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

DECLASSIFIED  
PER DOS WAIVER, November 6, 2015  
By MM NARA, Date 1/31/2022

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH GREAT INTEREST, AND WITH INCREASING CONFIDENCE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD SOON PRODUCE AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND A RAPID TRANSITION TO NONRACIAL DEMOCRACY. I WAS THEREFORE CONCERNED AND SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE RECENT VIOLENCE IN BOIPATONG. SUCH LOSS OF LIFE IS TRAGIC UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. IN THE WAKE OF THE DEADLOCK IN CODESA II, THIS ESCALATION IN VIOLENCE THREATENS ALL YOU HAVE SOUGHT TO ACCOMPLISH IN CREATING A NEW, POST-APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA. THOSE WHO SEEK TO DERAIL THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, WHITE OR BLACK. MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO SO BY PROVOKING VIOLENCE. OBVIOUSLY, A SOUND AND IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THIS TRAGEDY, AND FULL PROSECUTION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE, WOULD HELP RESTORE A CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO NEGOTIATIONS. I TRUST THAT YOU AND MR. MANDELA WILL WORK TOGETHER TO QUICKLY FIND THE ESSENTIAL COMPROMISES NEEDED TO ALLOW THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO RESUME AND PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD LEAD TO A FUNCTIONING MULTIRACIAL DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AFRICA. IT MAY BE THAT HELP FROM A THIRD PARTY COULD BE USEFUL FOR CHANGING THE CLIMATE AND PUTTING NEGOTIATIONS BACK ON TRACK. WE ARE PREPARED TO PLAY SUCH A ROLE IF YOU THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL. I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE BAKER, WHO IS ALSO FOLLOWING THIS SITUATION CLOSELY, TO BE PERSONALLY AVAILABLE TO YOU IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS THIS, OR ANY OTHER ISSUE FURTHER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE COULD BE HELPFUL AT THIS TIME.

SINCERELY,  
GEORGE BUSH  
HIS EXCELLENCY  
F.W. DE KLERK  
STATE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  
PRETORIA

END TEXT OF LETTER  
NO SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW BAKER  
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