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FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO MARGARET THATCHER.

14 SEPTEMBER 1984

TO : MARGARET THATCHER

WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF OUR CLIENTS URGENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL SECTION 28 DETAINEES IN GENERAL AND THOSE OF OUR LEADERS WHO OCCUPY YOUR CONSULAR OFFICES IN DURBAN IN PARTICULAR.

OUR CLIENTS ARE CONVINCED THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS THE POWER TO SECURE THE DEMANDS OF THE LEADERSHIP. WE ARE ACCORDINGLY OF THE VIEW THAT YOUR REFUSAL TO DO SO AMOUNTS TO A CONDONATION OF AN EVEN SUPPORT FOR THE EVIL OF APARTHEID, THE PRACTICE OF DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL AND THE USE OF ARBITRARY LEGISLATION TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO. IN ADDITION HAVING PUBLICLY STATED THAT THE LEADERS AT YOUR CONSULAR OFFICES WILL NOT BE COMPELLED TO LEAVE, YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DELIBERATELY EXECUTING A SOFISTICATED CAMPAIGN OF COERCION INTENDED TO FORCE OUR LEADERS TO VACATE THE CONSULAR OFFICES. IN THE COURSE OF THIS CONDUCT YOUR CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE PREVENTED OUR CLIENTS FROM USING THE TOILETS DURING THE DAY UNDER THE TREATH THAT THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THAT THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN. FURTHERMORE FAMILY VISITS AND A RADIO HAVE BEEN DISCOURTEOUSLY DISALLOWED. OUR CLIENTS ASK THAT THIS MATTER BE ATTENDED TO URGENTLY.

FINALLY WE WISH TO REITERATE OUR REQUEST THAT YOU ALLOW THE CONSULAR PREMISES TO AFFORD PROTECTION AND SANCTUARY TO THE LEADERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT THE USE OF RESOURCES FOR THE CONDUCT OF REPRESENTATIONS TO THE MINISTER BE ENCOURAGED.

WE ARE CERTAIN THAT YOU AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT WANT TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FACILIATING THE RE-ARREST OF OUR LEADERS.

YOURS FAITHFULLY  
YUNUS MAHOMED AND ASSOCIATES  
ON BEHALF OF :

ARCHIE GUMEDE  
GEORGE SEWPERSAD  
BILLY NAIR  
MEWA RAMGOBIN  
M J NAIDOO  
PAUL DAVID  
NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS  
UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT.

ENDS.

TIME 20. 31 HRS.

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