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Mr Charles Powell
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
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Dear Charles,

During the course of the past twelve months the State President and your Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, have corresponded about the KwaNgema and Driefontein Communities.

A statement issued by the Deputy Minister of Development and Land Affairs has been received and I am sure you would be interested in seeing it. It is pleasing to learn that negotiations with the Communities have led to a satisfactory conclusion for all concerned.

I wonder if the content of the attached statement could be brought to the Prime Minister's attention.

Yours sincerely
Leo Evans

Leo H. Evans
MINISTER

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KWA-NGEMA AND DRIEFONTEIN

After negotiations with a delegation of the KwaNgema Black Community, the Government has decided that this Community will not be resettled, but will remain permanently on the land which they occupy, namely the farm Kaffirlokati in the district Wakkerstroom, Transvaal.

The KwaNgema Community has agreed to accept 1 112 hectares of state land adjacent to Kaffirlokati a partial compensation for 1 889 hectares of land belonging to the Community concerned which will be flooded because of the construction of the Heyshope Dam. As far as the remainder of the land is concerned, namely 886 hectares, it was agreed that the Community would be compensated on a cash basis.

After similar negotiations with a delegation with the Black Community of Driefontein, in the district of Wakkerstroom, Transvaal, the Government decided that this Community must not be resettled either, but will also remain permanently on the land which they occupy, namely the portion of the farm Driefontein. The Government's decisions were also discussed with the local White farming Community.

The Black Community of Driefontein has agreed to accept 212 hectares of state land - a portion of the farm Grootsspruit - as well as 403 hectares of the farm Roodekraal which was offered for sale by Lotshaba Forest to the South African Development Trust as compensatory land, instead of 615 hectares of Driefontein which will be flooded by the Heyshope Dam.

The decision of the Government is subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions by the Black Communities concerned, for example, respecting and maintaining border fences, prohibiting illegal squatting on the land concerned and that the agricultural potential of the land is not over utilized.

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