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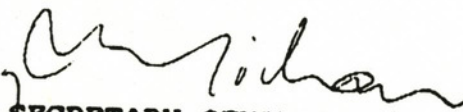
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DEAR ~~DEAR~~

I ATTACH HERETO COMMENTS BY MR ARMSTRONG ON THE INDEPENDENT
ELECTORAL COMMISSION BILL AND THE MEDIA BILL.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS ALSO COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON THE MEDIA
BILL.

HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE.

YOURS SINCERELY


SECRETARY-GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

C O N F I D E N T I A L

INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COC. BILL

COMMENTARY

1. 17.14

The interpretation of this clause could cause us major problems. The ANC have acquired vehicles out of funds from all over the world and will have no problem.

Our Ministers currently use ZG vehicles for all their work including political work; also we use our airways.

This clause could exclude the use of these facilities and then the IFP would be virtually grounded - they simply do not have the resources which ANC already have available.

2. 17.15

The limit here of R1 000-00 is in terms of today's money values so low that even private persons will be nervous of donating more than that to election funds for fear of intimidation. An there is no way that in the face of the present policy of ANC and allies to boycott business for the slightest reason, that firms, big or small, will want to be seen to be donating to a party who in their opinion is likely to be a loser in the elections. R10 000 would be far more realistic.

S.E. ARMSTRONG
27/5/93

CLAUSE 17 -

read with definitions of "Political Broadcast" and "Political Advertisement" appears to imply a total ban on the use of TV for political purposes. Most people who have TVs do not listen to Radio so politicians are going to miss a large section of the electorate.

This clause, unless it was designed for a specific purpose, is going to keep TV users virtually in the dark as far as politicking is concerned - and this includes virtually all Whites, large section of Indians and Coloureds and small section of Blacks.

CLAUSE 19 -

This will rule out "Clarion Call" and any other pamphlets we have in mind!

S.E. ARMSTRONG
27/5/93

COMMENTARY ON THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON THE INDEPENDENT
MEDIA COMMISSION BILL

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

We have had a thorough look at the bill which provides inter alia for the establishment of the Independence Media Commission the objects of which shall be to ensure an equitable treatment of political parties by broadcasting services and to ensure that state financed publications are not used to advance the interests of any political party so as to contribute towards the promotion and creation of climate conducive to free political participation and a free and fair election. The members of the Commission shall consists of a chairperson; deputy chairperson and no more than 5 members and there will be people who have been schooled in law.

It appears to us that the proposed bill will when it is used adhering to its tenor be a fair and proper instrument and we have nothing to add.