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To: Multi-Party Negotiations Forum
Attention: Chairperson of Planning Committee.

Herewith the initial memorandum sent to Mangope which was followed by the memorandum handed to you on Friday 30 April.

Anticipating your prompt response.

Yours

Peniel Mashela

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MEMORANDUM

TO : MR LUCAS MANGOPE, PRESIDENT OF BOPHUTHATSWANA

FROM : JOINT SRC's (BOPHUTHATSWANA)

* **DATE : 19 APRIL 1993**

Re : UNBEARABLE SITUATION ON OUR CAMPUSES

The Joint SRC's, on behalf of all students in Bophuthatswana registered at tertiary institutions, resolved to write this urgent memorandum to you to raise various matters.

This is motivated by our serious concern that unless the unbearable atmosphere within which we are forced to study and learn is addressed urgently and diligently, our campuses will slide into a situation where conditions for effective learning and teaching cannot exist.

On our different institutions we have conditions obtaining which are characterised by : expulsions and suspensions of students for their political beliefs, no respect for our institutions autonomy, no freedom of speech and assembly, SRC's operating on constitutions imposed on them by managements, police harassment of students and staff, high fees and undemocratic governing councils.

This ever-deepening crisis, if not addressed by yourself urgently, has the capacity to disrupt our education. We strongly believe that you have the capacity but you lack the political will to adequately address this crisis. Let us reiterate our deep commitment to education and that we are concerned about forces outside the educational arena playing political football with it. Education is a fundamental right and we cannot afford the luxury of having it disrupted by individuals with dubious agendas.

We therefore call upon you as both the President and the Minister of Law and Order to act decisively and boldly for the sake of our precious education and future. It is our conviction that the meeting of our reasonable demands will go a long way in rescuing the desperate situation and fostering a climate conducive to effective learning and teaching. This demands are:

- * The reopening of Setlogelo Technikon unconditionally ✓
- * Reinstatement of expelled students
- * The granting of freedom of speech, assembly and organisation
- * Recognition of democratically elected SRC's
- * An end to subsidy cuts
- * Reversal of all deportation orders slapped on academics
- * An immediate end to police harassment of students
- * Disbandment of undemocratic Governing Councils

We therefore urge you to leave no stone unturned in meeting these demands on or before the 23 April 1993 to avert a major crisis. We hope that educational interests will be placed above narrow political interests and that the future of the youth of this region of our beloved motherland will not be sacrificed at the altar of politics. Let rationality and sobriety prevail.

Let us hasten to say that our commitment to education must not be mistaken for paralysis to act to correct the wrongs committed against us. Therefore, if these demands are not met by the said date, we will take whatever action we deem necessary to redress the situation. ~~Everything~~ should be done to avoid this unfortunate but necessary option.

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Regards

T. Eloff.

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