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The Secretary,  
Convention for Democratic South Africa,  
P.O. Box 307,  
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Sir,

I am instructed by chief Solomon Lekgalwa Makgato to inform you that we are of the Babirwa tribe who long ago inhabited Makgato spruit P.O. Munnik and surrounding farms.

In 1962 we were forced by the government to leave our ancestral land and we have been settled by them (government) to a small farm called Klipplaatdrift which is situated 3 kilometre west of matoks.

We were once again astonished by seing government officials approaching our chief in 1979 suggesting that we should vacate Klipplaatdrift to kromhoek before the end of the year, to comply with apartheid as Klipplaatdrift was exised from the lebowa government to the central government. Owing to such forceful removal actions enacted by those officials a big potion of our peopl e flet the farm to various places in search of temporary cover for their famielies. It happened that those people returned to ~~kromk~~ Klipplaatdrift after a long discussion between the lebowa government and central government.

We numbered about 215 families when reluctantly transported to kromhoek the farm we shall never like until alternative measures are taken to facilitate our horrow. It also hurt to medidate that the said kromhoek will soon, as we are heading for a new democratic south africa, fall under the jurisdiction of chief Maleboho. It is therefore our humble request for a peaceful return to the beloved ancestral land after the attainment of a new democratic south africa.

The assistance by you Mr secretary and members of convention for democra-  
tic south africa will highly be appreciated. I have the honour to remain yours  
faithfully:

J.N. Matlala

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