

MEMO

To: EDWARD SHALALA
 From: GREG MORAN
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 Re: CALL TO CASSANDRA

 On 28 August 1995, I called Cassandra, as requested.

1. Empangeni CPM

Cassandra identified the major problem with the CPM was that there was no steering committee. The consultative meeting that was held was poorly attended. Only about 5 people came, none from political parties or TLCs, despite the fact that the Empangeni and Richards Bay TLCs were invited.

A briefing at the University of Zululand on 10/8 was poorly advertised by the University PR office. A new date was set (22/8) and this was attended by about 65 students.

On 15/8, a briefing was held with the Transport and General Workers Union and was attended by 10 shop stewards. Also on 15/8, a briefing was held with the Esikhawini Teachers Training College - attended by 30 academic staff.

On 17/8, a briefing was held for the Esikhawini Teachers Training College workers and was attended by 30 people.

On 17/8, a briefing was held with the Paper, Printing and Wood Allied Workers Union, which was attended by 25 people.

On 18/8, a briefing was held with the Zululand Community Liaison Forum, and was attended by 40 representatives from NGOs and CBOs in the area.

On 22/8, a briefing was held with 6 Esikhawini Amakhosi and 14 others. This meeting was very positive and the Amakhosi demanded busses to transport people to the CPM. This required re-routing about 14 busses.

A major problem was that busses were not confirmed by SACS. When final routes were ready on Friday, Frank found out busses had not been confirmed. Marie and Werna were called at 4:30 am on Saturday to the bus company. Only 15 out of 21 busses were available. Cassandra does not know how these were routed/prioritised. According to Marie, they managed to cover all areas, but Cassandra doubts this. She suspects busses did not arrive for some people.

Busses that went to IFP areas were apparently sent back to their depots empty. According to SAPS, people were not waiting at the bus stops in these areas. Cassandra does not know whether this is true or whether people were placed there to turn the busses away.

There were about 20 people at the CPM who were turning busses away. Cassandra recognised David Ntombela (Induna and member of Pietermaritzburg TLC), Phillip Powell (IFP) and the Mayor of Nseleni amongst this group (Soebash has taken photographs of these people and she wants to check this). Ntombela and Powell were on Newsline last night. They did not mention the CPM, but said everyone is free to hold meetings in KZN, as long as they speak to the Amakhosi.

About 3 busses came in half full. The people on board were spoken to by someone from this group. The busses then turned around and left with the passengers still in them. A Kombi also came in full. The driver was spoken to by this group, and then left. All in all, not one bus load of people got through, and only about 3 or 4 busses managed to get to the CPM. The rest allegedly returned to the depots empty. Cassandra is not sure what areas these busses serviced. She has the final bus route (for the original 22 busses that were meant to be arranged) but only Marie and Werna know where the 15 busses went that were obtained.

Cassandra estimates about 200 people or more were sent back. This group was approached by SACS and they told SACS that the people did not know what IFP policy was and they were there to inform them. They also said the IFP are not participating in CA or CA programmes. This was told to Rochelle Fourie. According to SAPS, there was nothing they could do because there was no evidence of intimidation.

There were about 2 or 3 army trucks and 4 SAPS van loads of personnel. They said they could only do something if people themselves complained of intimidation.

Cassandra complained that there was no-one from CA playing any leadership role. She felt that Wayne or Maphelo should have been present.

Only about 40 people attended the CPM. Cassandra guessed these must have been ANC because IFP would not come in. These people did not come by kombi or busses, but came on their own.

According to Cassandra, there were not sufficient briefings. The difficulty was that there was no participation from SACS. They received no cooperation from SACS in organising briefings or identifying role players in those areas. It was also difficult to arrange briefings anyway because of the predominance of IFP in that area. Because people did not attend the Consultative meeting, and because there was no steering committee, Cassandra and Boyce had no access to role players, especially political organisations. It was not possible to meet with the IFP. Cassandra and Boyce went to Amakhosi, but did not try to meet with the local IFP structures. One IFP person told Frank that they were "causing shit" in the area, and so they would not assist. There was generally no cooperation from the IFP. The IFP were contacted by Frank and Rochelle, but Cassandra does not know if

Wayne or Maphelo tried to contact them.

There were also internal problems. Rochelle from SACS alleged Boyce and Cassandra were accusing them of not doing their job. A meeting was held on 21 August the SACS Deputy Director, Rochelle and Karen Coetsee, and it was resolved that this was a misunderstanding and that this was never said by Boyce and Cassandra.

Where they saw problems arising, Cassandra and Boyce did not know how to address these with SACS, because of sensitivities and because they were not empowered to supervise SACS in any way. There was no cooperation in the organisation of CPM between SACS and Cassandra and Boyce. They were not working together as a team, and so they could not be part of the organisation.

One of the most frightening events on Saturday was when a bus arrived with 3 IFP people on board. They were met by the IFP welcoming committee and were going to leave. Frank tried to stop the bus from leaving because he thought some people in the meeting might need transport. There was a big argument with the people in the bus and the bus driver who insisted they wanted to go. Frank spoke to Mayor of Nseleni, and it was agreed that Frank would take the 3 people to a bus stop so they could get home and the bus could stay. They got into Frank's car. Then Frank called Cassandra to accompany him. She did not know who they were, and feared they might wipe her and Frank out.

Cassandra was reluctant to say this on the record, but it seems as if efforts were made to sabotage the CPM. She has heard an allegation that Rochelle is sabotaging the RDP in the area, and suspects Rochelle might have sabotaged the CPM. She cited the following as possible evidence of this: When she raised a concern with Rochelle that Frank needed assistance, nothing was done about it.

Cassandra also complained about the Media. Posters went up very late (only on Friday). She is not sure whose fault this is. When they tried to follow this up, they were told that SACS were waiting for confirmation of the budget before they could give the go-ahead to the distribution company. She also had problems with adverts in newspapers. The Zululand Observer had an advert in Zulu. She did not see the Zulu supplement to this paper, but suspects an English advert was placed in it. They did manage to advertise the CPM twice on Radio Zulu and on Zululand Community Radio.

2. Port Shepstone CPM

I asked Cassandra how preparations were going for the Shepstone CPM. She told me there are no major problems and they are having many more briefings. This is being coordinated by a totally different section of SACS, and they are having regular meetings. Rochelle is not involved. Posters have gone up already, but we still need to get ads on Radio Zulu. Last week, a briefing was held with 250 people. There is a big ANC township nearby and she suspects we will only get people from ANC. There are two different Traditional Authority structures in the area: Izingolweni and Umzumbe. Boyce and Cassandra attended a meeting called

by the Umzumbe structure and they were told that Umzumbe are not participating until they get the go-ahead from the premier. Izingolweni gave them a better reception and said they want to take part. A briefing is scheduled to take place today. Boyce is on his way to this, but Cassandra has received a message from Zukiswa Sambane (0401-994-463) who says Boyce is too controversial and must talk to him before attending the meeting. Cassandra does not know this person. She has paged Boyce, but he has not yet responded. I tried calling this person, but there was no reply. Cassandra obviously feels a cell phone might have assisted here, as do I, since Boyce is on his way into a potentially highly dangerous situation.

I subsequently was able to get through to Ms Sambane. She claims she did not leave any message for Boyce to contact her. She seemed very cagey. I told her that I have a message for her anyway and that she should pass this on to whoever called. I explained that we have tried to page Boyce to tell him to contact her, but that we cannot reach him. I told her that people must not be angry with him if he arrives, because he did not get the message. For some reason, she thought this funny and giggled a bit.