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I am an adult black man, 38 years old, residing and employed as stated above. I am a Medical practitioner with my practice at the above address and also at Baragwanath Hospital.

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I started my schooling at Orlando Mookie Memorial School in 1944. I eventually went to Orlando High School from 1950-1955. From 1957 - 1959 I studied at Fort Hare for my B.Sc. From 1960 - 1964 I studied at the Natal Medical School for my MB. Ch.B. I trained at Baragwanath Hospital from January 1965 to December 1965 and worked there for another year as casualty officer.

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During 1974 - 1975 I was studying at the Wits University for a Senior Degree, after I had been to Edinburgh University in March 1973. I started my medical practice during 1968 in Soweto.

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Since childhood and during my school and University career I have never been interested in any politics whatsoever.

5.

As proof of this I can just mention that during my High School days and after the death of King George, our Afrikaans master instructed us to write an essay, stating among other things that we were happy that the King or White oppressor had died. After the inspectors had inspected our books, five of our teachers had been asked to resign. In spite of this I was not influenced nor developed any further interest in politics.

6.

My first contact with Winnie MANDELA was in 1969 when she came to me as a patient. I, at that stage, learned from newspaper reports that she was a banned person and also a member of the African National Congress (A.N.C.). I also learned that her husband, Nelson MANDELA, was serving a sentence at Robbin Island. By this time she complain of heart trouble.

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I never got payment for the treatment. I was giving her and eventually decided that there was in fact nothing wrong with her. She at no stage discussed politics with me or my staff whilst calling for treatment. She only on a few occasions complained of financial problems. I only treated her as yet an ordinary patient. I have a record card at my surgery which is proof of this.

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It surprised me that she had called on me for treatment as it was common cause that she was in love with Dr MOTLANA and was

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going around with him. It was even more surprising when she suggested to me to make love to her meaning to have sex with her. I was not impressed with her and did not feel attracted to her.

9.

It became clear to me that Winnie MANDELA was trying very hard to befriend me. She even bought presents and sent Christmas Cards during 1969. I was called out to her house very often and at all hours of the night to attend to her so-called illness as a doctor. This in time harassed me and I decided to stop going out to her at night time.

10.

I had no interest in this woman's doings nor in her private life. I have on occasions when visiting her for treatment found a man called Peter MAGUBANE whom I know was occupying a back room in her house. From newspaper reports it became known that this Peter MAGUBANE was also a banned person, and it appeared that there was a love affair between him and Winnie MANDELA.

11.

During 1973 - 1974 I am not sure of the date, I know that she, Winnie MANDELA, was arrested with this Peter MAGUBANE and Joyce SIKHAKANA and some other people. I did not know.

12.

After their release she still tried to win my friendship although never discussed politics with me. To me this woman was yet another patient. I further viewed her as a mischievous-woman because of her influence on innocent people such as Joyce SIKHAKANE, who was known to me to be a good person, although I never queried her on this.

13.

Since 1974, again I am not sure of the date when her banning was uplifted, she stopped seeing me. There was then no more illnesses or need for her to call on me. It only then became clear to me that there was something more behind her trying to befriend me and her visits to my surgery and her calling me out to her house at all hours of the night. It then dawned on me that the reason behind this was that other people could see me in her presence or at her house and would therefore identify me with her.

14.

The woman Joyce SIKHAKANE mentioned in para 11, has since skipped the country and is at present a refugee in Denmark (Add paragraph 91).

15.

I was again called upon by Winnie MANDELA during April, 1976 when she wanted me to treat a certain man who became known to me to be "LEBENYA". She, Winnie MANDELA, took me to a house where I found this man. She told me that this man was assaulted by Peter MAGUBANE. This appeared to me, was Winnie MANDELA's new friend and also that he was an ex-prisoner from Robbin Island.

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During July, 1974 the Naledi High School of which my only daughter, Ellen MATLHARE, age 13 years, was a student, took an Educational Trip to Lourenco Marques. They had an accident in which nine children and a school teacher died. My daughter was one of the deceased persons.

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The burial of the deceased took place on the 18th of Aug. 1974 as a mass burial. Soon after the accident occurred a Committee was formed called the L.M. Disaster Fund. The aim of the Fund was to assist in the burial expenses and the erection of tombstones. I did not serve on this committee. The committee consists of :

Chairman : Josiah KHUMALO
Secretary: Mr MATABOGE
Members : Mr MATHABATHE from Morris Isaacson School
Mr MORAPEDI - a school inspector; and
others whose names I can't remember.

18.

Soon after the burial a story went around that the people in charge were squandering the money. There were no political views expressed in this fund nor did it have any political form.

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As a result of this story the bereaved parents decided to form another committee called "The Bereaved Parents Action Committee" to investigate these rumours. The Committee consisted of :-

Chairman : Dr A.M. MATLHARE
Vice Chairman : Mr S. MAGONGOA
Secretary : Mr T. MAETA
Ass. Secretary : Mr A. MAETA
Treasurer : Mrs MOTHHA.

The aims of this committee was to investigate the L.M. Disaster Fund. This committee had no political views whatsoever.

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Soon afterwards it became a public affair and I decided to change the name to the "Soweto Parents Association" with the acting Committee members as elected in para 19.

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Due to difficulties arising from the investigation into the L.M. Disaster Fund, it was felt that legal advise should be obtained. As we had been to various instances where no help could be obtained a suggestion came from my Treasurer - Mrs MOTHHA, that Winnie MANDELA should be called upon as she knows a lot of attorneys and could be of help to us. This was accepted by the committee and I was delegated to see her. This was early in May of 1976.

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I then approached Winnie MANDELA and put our difficulty to her. She agreed to be of assistance and said that she would do the

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further arrangements. She told me that it would take about two weeks for arrangements to be made, which I agreed upon.

23.

About two weeks later I received a message from her that arrangements had been made and that she would like to meet my committee to explain to them. I agreed to this and told her that she could come the next Wednesday evening. I agreed with her to see my committee as she was a person who had knowledge of legal proceedings and who was suggested by one of my committee members, which was adopted by the whole committee. As a result of this Winnie MANDELA became aware that my Committee met every Wednesday night.

24.

She attended the meeting on the Wednesday night at my surgery and explained the arrangements to my Committee. This meeting was held on 7.4.76. It was further arranged that she would make an appointment with the attorney and for us to see him. When we eventually saw this Attorney, a Mr AYOB, we decided against him and did not give him any instructions on this matter. With this our dealings with Winnie MANDELA came to an end and further need of her was not needed as far as we were concerned.

25. ✓

During May, 1976 there were a lot of Press Reports and general conversation amongst people about the children not attending classes at Higher Primary Schools and Junior Secondary Schools because of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction. As the atmosphere was getting tense it was decided by my Committee that we should consult with Schoolboards and School Committees. We decided to first see the Tswana School Committee of the D.A.B. Watson School of which my wife is Secretary. A meeting of discussion was held towards the end of May, 1976 as the School Committee members were individually approached on this subject where it was decided that a general meeting should be held. The general feeling amongst the School Committees were insufficient teachers qualified to teach in Afrikaans as a medium. It was decided that a public meeting should be held on 6.6.76 at the Naledi Hall.

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The next Soweto Parents Association Committee meeting was held on 26.5.1976 at my surgery before the public meeting that was to be held on 6.6.76. The following people were present : All the Committee members and I chaired the meeting. The agenda was (i) Resolutions to be taken regarding the Afrikaans Medium of instruction.

I as chairman suggested that we approach the Regional Director of Bantu Education to appeal to him to drop the Afrikaans medium of instruction as there were not enough qualified teachers to teach Afrikaans as a medium. It was, however, accepted that we should approach the relevant authorities. The next item we discussed was (ii) which people to invite as speakers to the public meeting on 6.6.76. We agreed on the following speakers :

- (1) Mr MOKOAPE = Principal of D.A.B. Watson School
- (2) Mr Leonard MOSALA = U.B.C. Member
- (3) Winnie MANDELA (Add paragraph 92).

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During the course of this meeting I received a phone call from Winnie MANDELA, saying that she was coming to the surgery to deliver a message. She soon afterwards arrived and I took the opportunity to inform her that she was chosen as a speaker to the public meeting to which she agreed, saying that she was also to attend a meeting that same week-end at Newcastle, but would be back in time to attend. A further discussion on publishing the meeting was held whereupon Winnie MANDELA volunteered to get Aubrey MOKOENA to print handbills. It was only now that I came to know that Winnie MANDELA knows and associated with Aubrey MOKOENA. I did not query her on this, but accepted her offer as we had no one else to assist us. As the printing was free of charge I took it for granted that Aubrey MOKOENA was a close friend of Winnie MANDELA and that they must have known one another for a long time.

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The problem of distribution was also solved by Winnie MANDELA as she offered that Aubrey MOKOENA would get boys to distribute the bills for us. She also said that she would try to attend our usual Wednesday meetings, starting from the following Wednesday. I did not think anything about her inviting herself and offering hers and Aubrey MOKOENA's services, but can only now see how she was infiltrating herself into my committee. Nothing further was discussed and we dispersed.

29. /

I, together with my Secretary, drafted a pro-forma of the handbills and left a message for Aubrey MOKOENA to collect same at my house. Aubrey MOKOENA, before this had been known to me through church affairs, although I knew nothing of his affairs with Winnie MANDELA (Add paragraph 93).

30. /

The pro-forma were collected and printed by Aubrey MOKOENA and later also distributed by him. Some were left with me in person, of which I gave to all my committee members to distribute. I had no discussion with Aubrey MOKOENA about Winnie MANDELA except that it was on her suggestion that he had to do the handbills.

31. /

Our Public meeting was held on 6.6.76 at the Naledi Hall. I chaired this meeting and opened with my speech on Afrikaans as a medium of instruction. This was not a political meeting, but a meeting to find resolutions on Afrikaans as a medium and to report back what progress had been made. The next speaker was Mr Leonard MOSALA, who spoke on the same lines as me, without any political tinge to his speech. The next speaker was Winnie MANDELA, who gave a political speech, attacking the Government on lack of Educations, no land, the homeland Government and general exploitation of Blacks by Whites. This speech by Winnie MANDELA was completely out of proportion and context with the agenda and aims of this meeting. As proof of this I now wish to hand in her typed speech which she had afterwards handed to my wife saying that she would collect it later. This speech was seized by the Police when my house was searched. Speech marked (10).

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32.

After she had given her speech, there was fist raising of the Black Power salute and shouting of Amandla Ngawethu, which means Power to the People. It became clear to me then that I was misled by Winnie MANDELA as well as members of my committee and that she had sought an opportunity where she could have an audience to deliver a political speech. There was, however, little response from the audience on her shouting and Fist Raising as the audience were not politically orientated or motivated and I could see some of my Committee members shaken by her speech and Black Power salute (Add paragraph 94).

33. /

It was also decided at this meeting that the next public meeting should be held on 4.7.76 at the Naledi Hall for which I personally catered. There were no further discussions and we dispersed.

34. /

After Winnie MANDELA returned from Newcastle and before the public meeting of 6.6.76 she had forwarded me the chairman's speech at the Newcastle meeting which I read. This speech was of a political nature on the general exploitation of Blacks by Whites, something on black consciousness, lack of schools, lack of education and housing. I cannot remember in detail as I had no real interest in this and had returned same to her with my comment as "No comment on this". This speech was more or less on the same lines as the speech she had given at our public meeting. I cannot remember the name of the Chairman at the Newcastle meeting, although I remember that he was an Indian.

35. /

On or about 9.6.76 on my way from Zola to Naledi, I noticed road blocks manned by Police. On arriving at my surgery I found students with dog bites and some choked with teargas. These I treated and received further reports from them about other students being injured, some of them I sent to Hospital for treatment where I was assisted by the Police.

36. /

As a result of the report received from one of the injured children, I went to Naledi High School to see if I could be of any assistance. On this I got permission from the Police. On my arrival at Naledi High School, I found a burning Volkswagen behind the library or Principal's office. The majority of children were scattered outside and the injured were in a classroom. I also saw a group of youths at the principals office arguing with a white policeman in civilian clothes. I then went to the classroom to attend to the injured children. On my way out I requested the children to tell the prefects that I would like to see them all at my surgery the next morning. My aims were to find out from them what the real cause of trouble was. I then returned to my surgery.

37. /

The next morning on 10.6.76 on arrival at my surgery, a group of about 10 - 12 prefects males were waiting for me. I spoke to them

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outside and enquired from them what the cause of the trouble was and whether I could be of assistance. Their leader whom I know as "MOTAPANYANE", told me that the real problem was that the Security Police picked students up at school and that the Principal allowed them to do so. They were preventing the Police from arresting the students when the policeman said "Ek praat nie met kaffertjies". That the students re-acted to this remark and went and burnt his car, meaning the Volkswagen that I saw at Naledi High School. By this I understood that "MOTAPANYANE" was the leader of the group that burned the car.

38. /

Their main complaint was that their principal, Mr ? had phoned the police as soon as he had seen the car burning. That he - is unlike Mr MATHABATHE of Morris Isaacson High School, who does not allow police at his school. As a result of this I gave them paper to write their grievances which I said I would discuss with their principal which they refused, saying that I might give it to the Police. As I could be of no help or assistance to them, I dismissed them (Add paragraph 95).

39. /

As a result of the previous occurrences, my attention was drawn to Winnie MANDELA's house where I noticed certain groups of students namely Tsietsi MASHININI, MOTAPANYANE, ZWELL and others I don't know, often hanging around Winnie MANDELA's house very early in the morning until very late at night. This made me think that these students got the know-how and influence from Winnie MANDELA as to their doings (Add paragraph 96).

40. /

I then stated taking notice of Winnie MANDELA's house and noticed that Aubrey MOKOENA was very often in the company of students such as Tsietsi MASHININI, MOTAPANYANE, ZWELL, MANDLA and others not known to me. It again occurred to me that Aubrey MOKOENA was working together with Winnie MANDELA and that they both were influencing the students and were organising some or other plot unknown to me. This was before the Soweto Riots of 16.6.1976.

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The congregation of students in the company of Aubrey MOKOENA, hanging around Winnie MANDELA's house for a few days in succession until the night before the Soweto Riots started, aroused my suspicion. It also confirms my suspicion that they were being influenced to some or other plot which in my opinion was the Soweto Riots that had started on 16.6.1976.

42. /

On Tuesday the 15th of June, 1976, after work, I went straight home and on passing Winnie MANDELA's house I saw Aubrey MOKOENA's van parked outside with another car. I paid no further attention to it and drove on home. At about 2,30am that same night I was called out to a patient. As I later drove back home I passed Winnie MANDELA's house. I noticed people coming out of her gate. I switched my bright lights on and saw Aubrey MOKOENA and Tsietsi MASHININI very clearly in my lights. They were in the company of Winnie MANDELA. There were also a few others whom I did not see

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very clearly and therefore cannot identify. A few minutes after I had arrived home I received a phone call from Winnie MANDELA, asking me to send ^{her} some tablets with my maid which I refused to do.

43. ✓

When I saw Aubrey MOKOENA in the company of these students at Winnie MANDELA's house, I came to realize that the two of them had something in common and had known one another for some time without me realizing it.

44. ✓

On 16.6.76 at about 10,15am whilst on my way from town, I noticed students at the Orlando Bridge, and also cars travelling in the opposite direction with broken windscreens. I drove to my house where on arrival found injured students and reporters from the newspapers. These injured students I put in my car and drove them to Baragwanath Hospital. I did not know any of them, and none of them made a report to me. On my arrival at the Hospital I discovered that one of the students had died on the way. This student was unknown and had no identification papers with him.

45. ✓

On my way home I met Dr MOTLANA, who told me that he had long wanted to see me as he had in mind that my committee - namely Soweto Parents Association (S.P.A.) should work hand in hand with his organisation namely Parents Vigilante Committee (P.V.C.) of which he was the chairman. He also mentioned other organisations, but did not stipulate names. I told him that there was no time for discussion on this and that he should phone me later. Dr MOTLANA then passed a remark which surprised me by saying that I should not be seen in public with Winnie MANDELA referring to a story and photograph in the Rand Daily Mail of 8.6.76.

46. ✓

The reason why I was surprised was because that since my staying at the present address from about 1969, he, Dr MOTLANA, was often seen at Winnie MANDELA's house. At that time there were rumours going around that there was an affair between the two of them, which I also believed. He further mentioned to me that he was once asked by a Security Policeman why he always stand at the door and his reply was because he wanted to be safe. By this he meant that he does not want to be seen associating himself with any person or any meeting. He further told me that he had sent word with Peter MAGUBANE to Winnie MANDELA that he wanted to see her regarding the newspaper report on 8.6.76 in the Rand Daily Mail. I presume that the idea was to tell Winnie MANDELA not to appear in newspapers. I did not comment on this (Add paragraph 92).

47. ✓

I later proceeded to work and had great difficulty in getting there as there were road blocks all over. Some were put up by the Police and some by the students. At a certain point, just above Orlando West High School where I approached yet another student road block, I met MOTAPANYANE. I asked him what he thought he was doing as I was very annoyed at this stage. He told some of the students to remove the obstacles and told me that they were doing the same to whites and that they had just burnt a car. With this I understood that he was the leader of the group /9

group who had burned the car. This later proved to be Dr EDEL-STEINS car.

48. /

This action then struck me as something that had long been planned and I realized that the activities around Winnie MANDELA's house during the previous days with students confirmed my suspicion that some of the student leaders got the know-how from Winnie MANDELA, Aubrey MOKOENA and Dr MOTLANA.

49. /

One significant thing about the march by the students was that very small children were in front leading the march whilst the bigger ones were at the back and out of danger, as young children act very brave and could do anything that they were told to do hence the stone throwing and damaging of cars. Putting young children in front is a known tactic by Communists.

50. /

During the evening of 16.6.76 I was approached by Winnie MANDELA and Aubrey MOKOENA at my surgery. Winnie MANDELA asked me if my Committee namely the Soweto Parents Association, could not call a meeting on Sunday 20.6.76 to condemn the killing of students by the Police. I told her that it was impossible as we had already arranged for a meeting to be held on 4.7.76. After they had left I decided to get my committee together and discussed the possibility of a meeting on 20.6.76. This was agreed upon and word was sent to Winnie MANDELA that a meeting would be held on 18.6.1976 (Add paragraph 98).

51. /

The next meeting was held on 18.6.76 at my surgery where the following people were present : Myself, Dr MATLHARE as Chairman, all my Committee Members, Winnie MANDELA, Aubrey MOKOENA and others, whom I did not know. After opening the meeting the first problem was the venue for the Public Meeting as the Naledi Hall was burned down during the riots. This was solved by Aubrey MOKOENA's suggestion that he would get a church Hall. There were no other speakers and nothing further was discussed except that Aubrey MOKOENA would print pamphlets to be distributed advertising the meeting. After this we dispersed and went home.

52. /

I was at home for about two hours when the following people arrived at my house : Winnie MANDELA, Aubrey MOKOENA, Dr MOTLANA, MANDLA - a primary School teacher. Winnie MANDELA suggested to me that Aubrey MOKOENA should chair the meeting on 20.6.76 as Aubrey MOKOENA was used to controlling meetings. To this request I refused. She, Winnie MANDELA, said that resolution about the riots should be taken at the next meeting and that she was going to plant her chaps amongst the audience and that they would read out the resolutions.

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Referring to Dr MOTLANA, I can also say he is mischievous as two days ago he came and warned me against Winnie MANDELA and here is now accompanying her on her mission. This annoyed me and I asked

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