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106, 107, 108

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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.

2.

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.

7.

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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16.

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.

17.

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.

21.

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.

22.

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.

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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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