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I HAVE TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AS AN ADDRESS TO THE BOPHUTHATSWANA PARLIAMENT. I SEND YOU THIS WITH MY DEEPEST RESPECT.

(SIGNED)  
LUCAS M. MANGOPE  
PRESIDENT  
REPUBLIC OF BOPHUTHATSWANA

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WE ARE ALL OF US, ON THE FOREFRONT OF A COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE.

IT IS A STRUGGLE TO END THE DESPICABLE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID. A SYSTEM OF HUMILIATION OF DEGRADATION. A SYSTEM WHICH HAS BEEN FORCED UPON MILLIONS FOR GENERATIONS.

BUT NOW WE HAVE ENTERED A NEW GENERATION. THE FREEDOM GENERATION.

THE FREEDOM GENERATION IS MADE UP OF COUNTLESS HUMAN BEINGS. WE ARE BLACK, WE ARE WHITE, WE ARE INDIANS AND AFRICANS, EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS. WE ARE UNITED BY THE COMMON RESOLVE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND EQUAL DIGNITY WITH ONE ANOTHER. WE ARE UNITED BY THE COMMON RESOLVE TO REJECT THE SCOURGE OF APARTHEID.

YES, WE ARE THE FREEDOM GENERATION.

IN BOPHUTHATSWANA, WE ARE PROUD THAT OUR STRUGGLE HAS ALREADY BORNE FRUIT.:

WE HAVE A CONSTITUTION WHICH GUARANTEES ALL OF OUR CITIZENS, WHATEVER THE COLOUR OF THEIR SKIN, EQUALITY. AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A JUST, FAIR, INDEPENDENT NATION.

WE MET THE CRITERIA OF SOVEREIGNTY: A SETTLED POPULATION A GOVERNMENT-- DEMOCRATICALLY CHOSEN -- WHICH EXERCISES EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF ITS TERRITORY, AND THE INDEPENDENCE TO SPEAK OUT, AS A FREE PEOPLE.

TAKE A WALK DOWN THE STREETS OF OUR CAPITAL, MMABATHO, AND YOU WILL FIND BLACKS AND WHITES WORKING TOGETHER, SHOPPING TOGETHER AND TALKING TOGETHER.

LOOK AT OUR SCHOOLS, WHERE CHILDREN OF ALL RACES ARE LEARNING TOGETHER.

LOOK AT OUR MEDICAL FACILITIES, WHERE DOCTORS--BLACK AND WHITE -- WORK TOGETHER TO CURE THE ILL, WHATEVER THE COLOUR OF THEIR SKIN.

BUT OUR STRUGGLE IN BOPHUTHATSWANA IS NOT OVER. WE OF THE FREEDOM GENERATION MUST NOW PUSH ONWARD. WE MUST CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE TO HAVE OUR NATION'S BORDERS EXTENDED SO THAT ALL OF THE HISTORIC TERRITORY OF THE TSWANA IS JOINED AS ONE. WE MUST CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT FOR THE OTHER PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHO DESIRE AND DESERVE THE STATUS OF NATIONHOOD. AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF APARTHEID NOW.'

TODAY I HAVE SENT MESSAGES TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND SOME OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES INVOLVED INCLUDING THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, URGING THEM TO BEGIN IMMEDIATE TALKS TO THIS END.

SUCH TALKS SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL AND IN GOOD FAITH.

NOW, I KNOW THERE ARE SOME WHO SAY IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD TALKS BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE A.N.C. BUT LET ME RECALL THE INSPIRATIONAL WORDS OF COURAGE OF ONE OF THE GREAT STATESMEN OF OUR TIME, THE REV. JESSE JACKSON. AS HE SAYS, 'IF YOU TRY YOU MAY FAIL, BUT IF YOU DON'T TRY, YOU FAIL FOR CERTAIN.

THE DISCUSSIONS MUST START AT ONCE. TODAY, THE YOUTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA STILL DO LISTEN TO THE A.N.C. BUT THERE ARE ALARMING--YES, EVEN FRIGHTENING SIGNS, THAT SOME OF THE MORE FRUSTRATED YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN TOWNSHIPS ARE LOSING THEIR PATIENCE.

WITHOUT UNMISTAKABLE SIGNS OF REAL PROGRESS, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT SOME SOUTH AFRICAN YOUNG PEOPLE WILL STOP EVEN LISTENING TO THE A.N.C.

AND IF THAT HAPPENS, THE FREEDOM GENERATION WILL BECOME THREATENED BY A NEW, VIOLENT FORCE. SOUTH AFRICA'S B VERSION OF A BEIRUT GENERATION.

BY THAT I MEAN A GENERATION WHO WILL KNOW NOTHING BUT VIOLENCE.

WE MUST PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING.

WE MUST SEE TO IT THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO ELIMINATE APARTHEID AND TO PREVENT UNCONTROLLABLE VIOLENCE BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. THE TASKS OF THE GENERATION ARE TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS OF LIVING TOGETHER, IN RESPECT AND DIGNITY AND AT PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

AND SO I CALL ON ALL OF THE PEOPLES OF EVERY NATION OF EVERY COLOR TO JOIN IN THE STRUGGLE OF OUR TIME: THE STRUGGLE OF THE FREEDOM GENERATION.

AND I CALL ON THOSE WHO ARE STILL CLINGING TO THE VIOLENCE THAT IS CALLED APARTHEID TO GIVE UP - TO GO AWAY -. TO LET ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA LIVE IN PEACE - IN THE FREEDOM GENERATION.

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## BOPHUTHATSWANA

### International Affairs

Our Ref:

Mr B Ingham  
Press Secretary to the Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
WESTMINSTER

22nd July 1986

Dear Mr Ingham

I have been asked to convey to the Prime Minister the text of a speech made by H.E. President Lucas Mangope to the Bophuthatswana Parliament today.

I should be most grateful if you would pass the enclosed text on to Mrs Thatcher.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Rees', enclosed within a large, stylized blue scribble.

Ruth Rees



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*From the Private Secretary*

24 July, 1986.

I enclose a copy of a telex to the Prime Minister giving the text of a statement by Mr. Mangope to the Bophuthatswana Parliament. No reply is required.

(C.D. Powell)

R.N. Culshaw, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

See memo to RT ..  
- 22/7/86