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THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS Private Bag 13200 WINDHOEK

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RE : THE DEATH OF ANTON LUBOWSKI

In connection with this matter, we, in the Commission, and in particular the author hereof, in his capacity as Head of the Investigative Unit of the Truth Commission, have been having telephone contact with the office of the Attorney-General for purposes of soliciting your assistance in our endeavour to solve the matter of Anton Lubowski.

In particular, we are keen to get all the documentation relevant to the docket and/or charge sheet and/or any other documents that your good offices may be in possession of in relation to the prosecution of one Acheson. It appears that Mr Acheson was formally charged but charges were either withdrawn against him for lack of evidence or the matter could not be prosecuted to finality because the prosecution was not able to provide witnesses for purposes of dealing with the matter to a successful prosecution and conviction.

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Sanlam Centre, 10th Flr., Cnr.Von Wielligh & Jeppe Str., Johannesburg, 2004. Tel:(011) 333-6330 Fax:(011) 333-0832. Metlife Building, 8th Floor, 391 Smith Street, Durban, 4000. Tel:(031) 307-6767 Fax:(031) 307-6742/49. NBS Building, 15 Terminus Street, East London, 5200. Tel:(0431) 43-5223, Fax:(0431) 43-9352/27. We gather that Mr Acheson was then deported or left the country and we are keen to contact him. We believe that in some of the documents which you are in possession of, his address in Ireland or wherever he came from will be available and if you could therefore supply us with documentation which shows the charge sheet, what happened at the criminal court and if there is any information we can get from the police dockets, that information would be invaluable to us. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission has been asked specifically by the parents to get to the bottom of this debacle. We know that we cannot do it without co-operating with your good government.

May I mention that indeed on an occasion that I was going through Johannesburg comrade Hidipo Hamutenya in the Ministry of Trade and Industry and I met and we were introduced to each other by Pius Dunaiski, the Deputy High Commissioner for Namibia in Johannesburg. In the course of our conversation I mentioned this to him and he indicated that we would get all the co-operation that we needed from the Namibian government.

Yours faithfully

DUMISA NTSEBEZA Commissioner and Head of the Investigative Unit

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