

Botswana National Front,
P.O. Box 11,
Mahalapye,
Botswana.
Southern Africa.
30/ 12/ 1967.

Messrs Makiwane & Nkobi,
A.N.C. of South Africa,
Lusaka,
Zambia.

Dear Sirs,

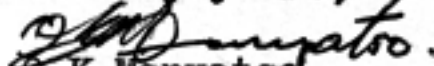
~~Sometimes in the course of this year, we received a letter from Lusaka~~ written in a paper bearing the letter-heads of your party and purported to have been signed by Tennyson Makiwane. This letter associated our party with the Czech and Soviet Embassies and the prospects of our ~~making~~ making use of these Embassies for both our party and the African National Congress. The letter associated our party and especially Dr Kenneth Koma, with your freedom fighters and there was in it an insinuation that the duty of our party is to harbour and conceal your freedom fighters.

We knew that if the letter was written by your party, it could not have any other purpose but to put our party in trouble with the Government probably with the intention of objectively supporting Mr Motsamai Mpho, who is probably your representative in Botswana and whose influence it is generally has been weakened by the existence of the Botswana National Front. Our reaction to this was to entrust to our fellow man who was holidaying in Lusaka with the task of telling you about the affair so as to get from you either confirmation or denial as to whether your party especially Mr Makiwane was in fact connected with the letter.

Our fellow man went to your office - Mr Makiwane was absent but Mr Nkobi, was present. Mr Nkobi, we were informed flatly denied any knowledge of the letter. About two weeks ago, another letter posted from Lusaka bearing your letter-heads and your address and purported to have been signed by Mr Nkobi, arrived. This letter again, alleged that Dr Kenneth Koma, and your party had had discussions about the use of the Front of your freedom fighters against the Government of Botswana. The letter was even more incriminating and in fact the President of Botswana was insulted.

We have, as you are aware, absolutely no connection with the African National Congress, nor do we wish to have any connections with you. If you do write the letters concerned, we are show that you are motivated by evil motives and that you are keen to incriminate us. We have taken the second letter purported to come from your organization, to the police here since we are convinced that the attempt to incriminate us is likely to continue. We have shown the other letter to your men as well as to Mpho. We want to believe that these letters are forged and that they dont come from you. If they do come from you, we can only express indignat surprise at the rate your organization is degenerating.

Faithfully yours,


O.K. Menyatsa.

For and on behalf of the B.N.F. Central Committee.

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