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CERTAIN PRESS REPORTS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ASKING PARLIAMENT FOR ADDITIONAL POWERS FOR THE POLICE BECAUSE IT HAS NO INTENTION TO RESOLVE POLITICAL AND OTHER GRIEVANCES BY REFORMS OR NEGOTIATION, HAVE COME TO MY NOTICE.

I WISH TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE VOID OF ALL TRUTH.

THE GOVERNMENT REJECTS THE ALLEGATIONS THAT ADDITIONAL POWERS FOR THE SECURITY FORCES ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE IT IS NOT SINCERE IN ITS COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE ITS REFORM INITIATIVES.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS GROSSLY UNFAIR TO COMPARE SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION WITH THAT OF ANY OTHER WESTERN COUNTRY. NO OTHER WESTERN NATION AT PRESENT EXPERIENCES ~~THE REVOLUTIONARY ONSLAUGHT, PLANNED BY COMMUNIST STRATEGISTS,~~ WHO WANT TO EXPAND COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THIS COUNTRY BY MISINFORMING BLACKS, MAKING THEM BELIEVE THAT REVOLUTION IS THE WAY TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND A JUST SOCIETY.

THIS REVOLUTIONARY ONSLAUGHT, SADLY SO, IS BEING SUPPORTED BY CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN THE WEST WHO TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE FACT THAT THE ANC IS A TERRORIST ORGANISATION, RESORTING TO TERRORIST METHODS AND ARMS LIKE LAND MINES, LIMPET MINES, INDISCRIMINATE BOMB EXPLOSIONS ETC. AND WHO DIRECT THEIR BARBARIC ACTS AGAINST UNIDENTIFIABLE VICTIMS.

THE FACT IS THAT CERTAIN GROUPS, LIKE THE ANC, ARE NOT WILLING TO RENOUNCE VIOLENCE AND DO NOT SEEM TO BE INTERESTED IN REFORM OR NEGOTIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. THEY ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN A REVOLUTIONARY TAKE-OVER OF POWER - WHICH WILL BE TO THE EVERLASTING DETRIMENT OF BLACKS AND WHITES ALIKE IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND INDEED TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE WEST.

THE ONSLAUGHT AGAINST MODERATE AND PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA CERTAINLY CALLS FOR SPECIFIC MEASURES TO ENABLE US TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PLANNED AND CO-ORDINATED INSTIGATION OF VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME CONVINCED THAT THE SECURITY FORCES NEED THE POWERS REQUESTED TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH BLACK LEADERS, WHO MUST NOT BE INHIBITED BY THREATS OF INTIMIDATION. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE POWERS

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