

A2519 Nelson MANDELA Papers, 1962-1964

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A STATE VS NELSON MANDELA, 1962  
(Pretoria Regional Court)

After Mandela was captured near Howick on 5th August 1962 he went on trial for inciting persons to strike illegally (during the 1961 stay-at-home) and that of leaving the country without a valid passport. He conducted his own defence. The trial was held in the Old Synagogue High Court, Pretoria, from 15 October - 7 November 1962. Mandela was sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment for inciting workers to strike and for leaving South Africa without a valid travel document.

A1 Application by Nelson Mandela challenging the right of the court to try him. Ms. 22p  
A2 Nelson Mandela's preparatory notes Ms 8p  
A3 Nelson Mandela's Defence Statement Ts, signed. 21p

B THE STATE VS NELSON MANDELA AND OTHERS (RIVONIA TRIAL), 1963/1964  
(Supreme Court [Transvaal Provincial Division])

The Rivonia Trial took place from the 30 October 1963 to the 12 June 1964 in the Transvaal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court. Ten leaders of the African National Congress were tried for 221 acts of sabotage designed to overthrow the apartheid system.

B1 Indictment Ts 9p  
B2 First Statement for his lawyers by Nelson Mandela for the purpose of preparing his defence Ts 4p  
Nelson Mandela's statement from the dock with his handwritten corrections. The last page of the document contains the original signatures of some of the other accused in the Rivonia trial, being, Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Dennis Goldberg, Govan Mbeki, Ahmed Kathrada, Raymond Mhlaba, Elias Motsoaledi and Andrew Mlangeni. Original provided by George Bizos. Ts, signed 61p  
B3 Nelson Mandela's statement from the dock. Ts, signed 44p  
B4 Final clause of statement from the dock Ms 1p  
B5 Nelson Mandela's notes which he intended to use if he were sentenced to death, when asked whether he had anything to say before sentence of death was passed Ms 1p  
B6 Further notes (fragments) Ms 2p  
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