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RE: AGGETT / THE STATE / SECURITY

As regards Le Grange's speech the following points must be made :-

1. PAGE 10

It is hard to believe that Dipale was not a detainee at the time of his death. We know from our own interviewing of detainees that many of them have made confessions to Magistrates early on their detention periods. They are not immediately charged after these statements or confessions. The police usually continue to hold them as detainees and use those statements or confessions in their dealings with other detainees. On the basis of the track record of the Security Police, the chances are that Dipale would not have been charged, especially taking into account the fact that he made the statement to the Magistrate on a Saturday morning and was found dead on the Saturday night.

2. PAGE 11

He says that the cell in which he was being held was one of those that had been modified at a cost of almost R43 000,00 in an effort to make it virtually impossible for an inmate to commit suicide. It would be interesting to know which cells have been modified in this way and what actual work was done in making these cells "suicide proof".

3. PAGE 12

With regard to the new measures and in particular the line about full time cell guards on each floor, does this mean that there were not full time cell guards before Aggett's death?

4. PAGES 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18

These figures might be useful.

5. PAGE 20

The old argument regarding detainees acting under instructions to vilify the police. This was raised in the Hogan trial.

6. PAGES 23 - 25

He says that the legislation was effected by the Association of Law Societies' memorandum. He also says that opposition members made use of this memorandum.

7. PAGE 26, 27 and 28

He says "What is envisaged is not a statutory code but a set of rules or directions which will be binding on all concerned and will augment the instructions already issued by the Commissioner of Police in regard to the conditions of detention". Why is it envisaged that this should not be a statutory code?

Thank You

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