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BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Rev "CSI"

1. WHY HOUSE VISITS :

- 1.1 The anti-detentions issue is merely the next phase of our Campaign against the Constitution.
- 1.2 Educating the community about the issue being a major need in this phase, the house visit is the most effective means of doing this. (We need to reach every home).

2. OBJECTIVES

Educate the people

- about the Consulate occupation
- about detentions / security laws
- uselessness of Constitution / MPs etc.

2.2 Organisational

- popularise UDF / NIC / UCC
- consolidate workforce / membership / volunteers

2.3 Mobilise people for action

- assess what people are prepared to do
- feel people out on specific forms of action

3. APPROACH

3.1 Introduction - from NIC/UCC

- come to talk about Consulate drama
- or about a very important issue

3.2 We need to both pass on certain information as well as make an assessment of how people perceive the issues. Probe and lead people on views/ ideas they express.

3.3 Be polite and speak as simply as possible. If it feels as if you are encroaching on people's privacy or time, ask whether you can come at another time, and leave.

4. CONTENT OF VISIT

- 4.1 Are you aware of
- candlelight night
 - don't vote campaign
 - Consulate drama

4.2 Do you know why this action was taken?

4.3 Background to Consulate issue.

- UDF/NIC/UCC call - don't vote
- massive community rejection
- detention of leaders nationally
- detention orders declared invalid by Court - 6 leaders released
- government issue re-detention orders
- 6 leaders enter British Consulate

4.4 Why the Consulate?

- leaders are not fleeing justice
- chose the Consulate to highlight unjust detention laws and challenge the S.A. government - the SA government cannot enter British territory
- expose British government for its non-intervention in resolving the issue
- can speak to press, lawyers, family etc. from safety of Consulate

4.5 Repression - national pattern

- Throughout the country the government is harassing and detaining Congress and UDF leaders.
- Need to stress that they are our leaders - fighting for our rights
- reform is a farce - this repression shows that the government is not interested in real change
- new MPs totally ineffective - failed to respond

4.6 Achievements so far

- support internationally
- attention of British government and the United Nations
- overshadowed opening of new parliament
- widespread of the community - rally and candlelight night

4.7 How can you support leaders

We have shown that the community is behind them (rally & candle light night)

We need to continue to demonstrate our support. Canvass the following ideas:

1. attendance of mass meeting
2. write letters - press/consulate
3. hold placards etc (see pamphlet)
4. telephone/telegram to British Consulate protesting role of British government in not intervening

4.8 Ask people if they want to volunteer to become members of NIC/UCC;

become part of a zone structure; any other assistance to the organisation; contribute resources etc to organisation.

5. CONCLUSION

Keep an eye for any other responses people might come up with. Finally the aim of each visit should be to make an evaluation of

- whether people support our organisation
- how are they responding to political issues
- have the events of the last 2-3 weeks resulted in a change/advance of their awareness generally.

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