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MEMORANDUM TO S.R.C

I, M.J. MOKHOSI, the current president of the abovementioned institution would like to express my feeling and opinion as to why I do no longer deem it necessary and/or wise to serve in the S.R.C. I would like to acknowledge that problems are like a wheel coming for you and me, and I believe that my turn has come. It indeed comes at a bad time of the year, when there is turmoil and spirit of uneasiness on campus. Where each one of us is trying to gravitate a step forward but guardedly so, in order not to plunge into troubled water. Things are bad Mzala!

All the same, I think I have tried my best in this S.R.C., but am really failing to execute these duties efficiently for support that I receive from council members is not enough :

- (a) Council members do not come to the offices regularly;
- (b) Members are not executing or do not help in the execution of the tasks from the student body, but such a task is normally left in the hands of a few individuals;
- (c) this S.R.C. is being undermined by councilors themselves; councilors demonstrated together with the members of the student body whereas they should be the first to bring or highlight problems to be discussed and not show their dissatisfaction by protest. (food issue demonstration);
- (d) One councilor was attacked with all sorts of missiles and was subsequently coerced to join a demonstration over food issue only the 18/04/85;

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- (e) this S.R.C. is being referred to as the coopted S.R.C, this allegations is serious in nature and cannot be left unchallenged,
- (f) It seems councilors are resigning from the S.R.C., in order to wage struggle outside the forum of the S.R.C., maybe ^{it} is an educated wise move to do so;
- (g) Grapevine has it that this S.R.C is not doing much and that this S.R.C is gradually becoming unpopular with students. To cite, normally when students have problems, these are reported to the S.R.C so that solutions could be sought, but as far as food issues are concerned, the office of the S.R.C. did not receive any complaints save to witness demonstration on 18 and 19 April 1985.

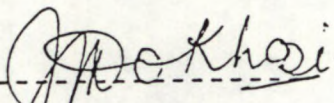
This is a clearcut demonstration of lack of confidence in this S.R.C.;

- (h) some members of the student say I was against the MAY DAY celebration on campus, but for heavens sake, who am I to be against a day that has such an international standing. That would be anti-struggle and reactionary. In the past, we as students we used to come together ^{to} discuss how such a day like MAY DAY or any NATIONAL DAY could be celebrated and/or commemorated, but recently we see anonymous notices that instruct us as students not to attend lectures, whereas there is an S.R.C at this University. Such a way of organising is not and cannot be condoned by anyone for it creates problems. What has come to my awareness is that there is a profound doubt that some members of the student body are having against me in particular or against some councilors. It seems that if it was

by them, they could have me under constant surveillance or supervision. My genuine intentions and moves are viewed with suspicion. There is clearly lack of trust and this situation should not be left to continue any further without being remedied.

I am truly tired of pretending that matters are okay, whereas I can see that the boat is sinking. I am aware that these days I am short-tempered and easily being made emotional, it is this way because of pressure from within the S.R.C and outside. I acknowledge that this is not a good remedy for my uneasiness in the S.R.C, but hope councilors will bear with me, for by quitting the S.R.C. will help me avert the looming confrontation and further help in lessening the degree of attitude-developing among us. I am forever a worried man. Please do consider my resignation letter with the urgency it deserves.

Yours Faithfully


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