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Dear Mr. Gumede

I am writing to you as the President of the UDF formally inviting you and your Executive to come to Ulundi to explore with us the extent to which the goals we have in common demand a synchronizing of Black strategies and tactics.

South Africa has just seen Whites adopt a new constitution which denationalises every African in the country. The White political solidarity in support of apartheid which the massive 'Yes' vote represents is historically the most determined expression Whites have ever evidenced to put Blacks into permanent political subjugation. I believe African brotherhood is a vital component of the brotherhood of all freedom-loving people in the country. I believe this brotherhood needs to be expressed and translated into the kind of united Black common purpose which history now demands of us.

The tragic events at the University of Zululand on October 29th have been used by some Blacks to sow the seeds of Black/Black confrontation. Some of those who are attempting to do so have used the name of UDF in their endeavours.

I believe that a discussion between yourself and your Executive, and myself and my colleagues, is urgently needed. I am therefore inviting you to address the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, either in caucus where whatever is said will be said in committee, or in an open session where the public and press could be present, on any date which suits you.

We have no illusions that the task we face to establish a united Black response in our shared commitment to eradicate apartheid in every form in which it is expressed presents us with an enormous task. We believe we should face the challenge of burying some of our differences and co-operating in the substantial area of common cause between us. From our side, we believe it is urgent for us together to examine what prospects there are of doing so.

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