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IN THE MATTER OF THE INQUEST OF THE LATE DR N H AGGETT

A F F I D A V I T

I, the undersigned, BARBARA ANNE HOGAN, do hereby make oath and say:

1. I am an adult female Masters student at present being held at the womens awaiting trial section of the Fort Prison, Johannesburg.
2. I am at present awaiting judgment in a trial in the Supreme Court of South Africa, Witwatersrand Local Division, in which I have been accused of treason. Judgment will be given on 20 October 1982.
3. I am 30 years of age and was born on 28 February 1952.
4. I was detained under section 22 of the General Law Amendment Act on 22 September 1981. After 14 days the police continued to hold me in detention in terms of section 6 of the Terrorism Act. I was held under section 6 until 26 March 1982, when I was charged and became an awaiting trial prisoner.

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5. During the first month of my detention at John Vorster Square, I was interrogated on the tenth floor almost every day. W/O Prince was my principal interrogator during the first two or three weeks of this period and then W/O van der Merwe took over from him. Towards the end of this period W/O Deetlefs also began to play a role in my interrogation. I was not physically assaulted during this period although I had been threatened, intimidated, shouted at and abused by my interrogators. The aforementioned mistreatment to which I was submitted will be dealt with more fully further on in this affidavit. However, on 22 October 1981, a month after I had been detained, I was severely assaulted by my interrogators on the tenth floor at John Vorster Square as a result of which W/O Deetlefs and W/O Prince faced charges of assault in the Johannesburg magistrate's court. The events which took place on 22 October 1981 are as follows:

- 5.1 On that day and at the usual time in the morning, I was taken from my cell to an interrogation office on the tenth floor. W/O Van der Merwe was waiting for me in the office and my interrogation began.
- 5.2 Sometime later in the morning, W/O van der Merwe left the room and W/O Prince and W/O Deetlefs entered the room and Const Moellenberg, who accompanied them, was ordered to handcuff me. W/O Prince and W/O Deetlefs then started to interrogate me in a very aggressive manner, shouted and screamed

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at me and called me a communist and a terrorist. They continued to interrogate me in this manner during the remainder of the morning and throughout lunchtime. At lunchtime my handcuffs were removed and I was forced to eat some food in a hurry, being shouted and sworn at the whole time.

- 5.3 After lunch W/O Prince began to hit me with his hand. He struck me on my face, my neck, my back and he made a special point of hitting me on my ears, saying that he would break my eardrums. W/O Prince continued to assault me intermittently in this manner for approximately one hour during which time he and W/O Deetlefs continued to question me. W/O Deetlefs only assaulted me on one occasion, when he struck me across my face with an open hand.
- 5.4 My interrogation continued until approximately 9.00 p.m. that evening when I was taken back to my cell. I was not assaulted during the evening or the latter part of the afternoon. However, I was still being intensively interrogated during this period and I was threatened on a number of occasions, shouted at and abused. At approximately 7.00 p.m. W/O Deetlefs came into the room with the cord of an electric kettle and waving the cord in front of me he said "We can use other methods". W/O Deetlefs then plugged the cord into a wall socket and placed the other end under the rug on which my chair was standing.

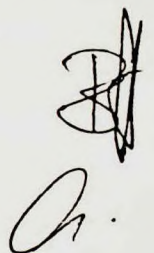
He then called to W/O Prince, who was making coffee, to fetch a wet cloth. As it turned out, I was not given electric shocks.

- 5.5 When being assaulted by W/O Prince as described above, he informed me that he found it a pleasure to beat communists and terrorists.
- 5.6 During this period of interrogation other members of the security police came into the room at various intervals. To the best of my recollection the persons who witnessed the assault were W/O Van der Merwe, Lt Van Aswegen, W/O Pienaar, Sgt Coetzee, Const Moellenberg and a blond lieutenant, whose name I cannot recall. At one stage Lt Van Aswegen stood by and laughed while I was being assaulted.
6. On the following day I was taken to Dr Jacobson, the District Surgeon. I was taken to Dr Jacobson by W/O Deetlefs and I was also accompanied by Const Moellenberg. On the way W/O Deetlefs said it would be better for me if I did not report the above assault to the doctor and that I was just to say that I bruised easily. I had been fairly extensively bruised as a result of being assaulted on the previous day and Dr Jacobson took note of my bruises. In fact, he called in another doctor to make a note of my injuries. I made it clear to Dr Jacobson that I did not want him to record that I had been assaulted because, at that stage, I was

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afraid that, if I reported an assault, I would be subjected to even greater intimidation by my interrogators. Dr Jacobson recorded in his report that I stated that I had not been assaulted. When I was leaving, Dr Jacobson informed me that he was going to telephone John Vorster Square and I protested for fear of further intimidation. Subsequently, he informed me that he had telephoned Col Muller and had told him that they were to cease assaulting me. I might add that I was in a hysterical state during my visit to Dr Jacobson. Dr Jacobson prescribed certain treatment for me and I saw him again on the following day, being Saturday, 24 October 1981, and then once again on Monday, 26 October 1981. I was then told to see him 10 days thereafter.

7. On 27 October 1981 I was transferred to Vereeniging. At Vereeniging I saw the magistrate, Mr Killian. Mr Killian informed me that he was only permitted to take statements from me concerning my conditions at Vereeniging. Therefore, I did not mention my assault at John Vorster Square. In addition, when Mr Killian came to visit me, I was still being subjected to intensive interrogation and I was accordingly afraid to report the assault to him for fear of further intimidation by my interrogators. My fears were confirmed because, while I was being interviewed by Mr Killian, W/O Deetlefs walked into the cell. In fact, at the time Mr Killian came to see me I was told by W/o Deetlefs, Lt

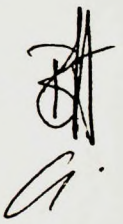
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Naude and Capt Olivier that they would continue to assault me, regardless of anything.

8. Subsequently, and after being transferred back to John Vorster Square, I saw another magistrate, Mr Van der Merwe, and I made a statement to him regarding the treatment to which I had been submitted on 22 October 1981. This visit took place in December and it was the first time I had seen him. Mr Van der Merwe did not inform me that I was entitled to lay charges and when I asked him whether he could protect me from further assaults if I made a statement, he said he could not protect me in any way.

9. In January 1982 I saw the inspector of detainees, Mr Mouton. After informing him of the above assault he told me that from his experience I was entitled to lay charges and that my statement to him constituted grounds for laying assault charges.
I asked Mr Mouton if there was any possibility of being protected from further assaults and he told me that he would ensure I would not be further assaulted.

10. Prior to the above assault I had been threatened with violence. I had been made to stand under interrogation and I had been handcuffed, sometimes with my hands behind my back. The persons who threatened me with violence were, inter alia, Capt



Struwig, Capt Visser, W/O Prince and Capt (now Maj) Abrie. I was also shouted at and abused on numerous occasions.

11. Subsequent to my assault on 22 October 1981 I was subjected to the following forms of mistreatment:

11.1 On Saturday, 14 November 1981, and while being interrogated at Vereeniging, Cpt Struwig hit me on my face with his hand and a newspaper and he also hit me on my hip with a piece of wood. At one stage W/O Deetlefs ordered me to sit under the table and I was required to answer questions from under the table.

11.2 On Sunday, 15 November 1981, I was interrogated by Maj Abrie, W/O Prince and Lt Van Aswegen. I was not allowed any food and I was interrogated throughout the night. At approximately 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 16 November 1981, having been given coffee and bread about an hour earlier, Lt Naude, Cpt Olivier and W/O Deetlefs took over the interrogation and I was finally allowed back to my cell at about 12.00 p.m. on that day.

11.3 I was frequently shouted at, abused and threatened with assault.

11.4 My interrogators frequently threatened to interrogate me for prolonged periods.

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12. Lt Whitehead and Lt Van Aswegen had conversations with me about the late Dr Neil Aggett and Dr Elizabeth Floyd. They both seemed to be interested in three aspects of their lives, being:

12.1 The fact that they had chosen to live very simply.

12.2 The fact that they did not seem committed to making money, whereas as doctors they could have been living on a far grander scale and earning more money.

12.3 Personal details of the relationship between them.

They were also very suspicious of the fact that the late Dr Aggett was a White doctor who was working in an independent, non-racial trade union. Lt Whitehead was particularly interested in whether he was a member of the White Left, whether he was a communist and whether he was a member of the ANC. Lt Whitehead told me that Dr Aggett and Elizabeth Floyd were not co-operating.

13. I am available to give evidence at the inquest. I have not made an affidavit in these proceedings before because I held the view, which the legal representatives acting for the Aggett family supported, that I should not involve myself in these proceedings until my case was closed in

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respect of the Supreme Court trial referred to in paragraph 2.

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I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit which was signed and sworn to before me at Johannesburg this day of September 1982.

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