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LEGAL ADVICE SHEET

We have been instructed by the United Democratic Front (UDF) to furnish the following general Information.

PAMPHLETS

1. It is not an offence to distribute bills or pamphlets from door to door provided that ;-
  - (a) the bill is not banned for distribution.
  - (b) the bill does not originate from a banned organisation
  - (c) in the case of a bill advertising a meeting, the meeting is not banned under the Internal Security Act.

VEHICLES

2. A motor vehicle may be used for this purpose provided that ;-
  - (a) the vehicles is not stopped or parked in such a way as to constitute a traffic hazard.
  - (b) the vehicle is not left unattended with the engine running i.e the driver must be in his seat and in control of the vehicle while the engine is running. ( If the vehicle is parked with the engine switched off, there is no problem ).

POLICE

3.
  - a) A police officer may ask you to furnish your name and address and detain you for up to 12 hours to check whether the information given is correct.
  - b) Generally, a police officer is not allowed to search you unless you agree. You should object to being searched. If the police officer persists in searching you, do not obstruct him.
  - c) If asked for an explanation regarding the bills tell



the police that you are acting on the instructions of the UDF.

- d) After arrest, you may be held for up to 48 hours.
- e) The pamphlets in your possession may be confiscated by the police. Obtain a receipt from the officer concerned stating the full description of the articles confiscated.
- f) Your finger prints may be taken.
- g) You are entitled to ask to be released on bail or warning unless you are detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.
- h) In practice, police officers are reluctant to release you and insist that you wait until your first appearance in court. In that case, request permission to telephone your lawyer.
- i) You are not obliged to make a statement to any police officer.
- j) The following lawyers have made themselves available to assist :-

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