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UDF PRESS RELEASE ON MANDELA'S RESPONSES TO PRESIDENT BOTHA'S OFFER
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The South African government has made an offer to the public and the international community to release Nelson Mandela and his comrades under certain conditions. Even before Mandela's response to this offer can be communicated to our people, we need to state that up until yesterday afternoon president Botha had not had the courtesy to communicate this offer to Mandela and his comrades personally.

In this context the sole source of his information has been the newspapers. From this it is clear that the government is still not prepared to accept the fact that Mandela and his comrades represent the aspirations and the will of our people.

The fact that the government has not given Mandela the opportunity to respond has given rise to speculation locally and internationally as to how he will respond. Because of this speculation Mandela and his comrades at Pollsmoor have found it necessary and imperative to respond immediately and to put an end to all speculation. Mandela has therefore requested that this response be communicated to our people and the international community at the Jabulani Ampitheatre tomorrow.

At this stage we can divulge that Mr. Mandela will not only be communicating his response to president P.W. Botha's offer, but will also make known his position on negotiation with the South African government.

We of the UDF are greatly privileged and honoured that Mr. Mandela has chosen our platform to make this announcement.

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