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MY TELNO : DE KLERK'S VIEWS

1. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH ABC'S 'NIGHTLINE', DE KLERK SAID THAT HE ENVISAGED EVERY ADULT IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVING AN EQUAL VOTE IN A FAIR AND JUST DISPENSATION 'IN WHICH WHITE DOMINATION, IN WHATEVER WAY IT EXISTS, MUST GO'. WHITE DOMINATION MUST NOT BE BUILT IN 'EVEN IN DISGUISE'.

2. DE KLERK SAID THAT THE NATIONAL PARTY'S VIEW WAS THAT THE WESTMINSTER-TYPE SIMPLE MAJORITY SYSTEM WAS NOT RIGHT FOR SOUTH AFRICA. CHECKS AND BALANCES WOULD HAVE TO BE BUILT IN TO PROTECT THE MINORITY. THE GROUP AREAS ACT AND THE POPULATION REGISTRATION ACT WERE FUNDAMENTAL TO THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION AND AS SUCH OPEN TO NEGOTIATION.

3. THE QUESTION OF RETURNING POLITICAL EXILES WHO MIGHT BE LIABLE FOR PROSECUTION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY WAS AN ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED: METHODS WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO CLEAR THEIR POSITIONS. THAT ALSO WOULD BE A QUESTION FOR NEGOTIATION.

4. THE STATE OF EMERGENCY WOULD BE LIFTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE MAIN CENTRE OF INSTABILITY AT PRESENT WAS IN NATAL. THE TEST FOR ANTI-APARTHEID ORGANISATIONS WAS TO MAINTAIN STABILITY.

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