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Dear Everyone,

I had no intention of inflicting yet another circular on you so soon, but so much has been happening and we have taken a number of steps about which I feel you are entitled to know.

I have written to Mr. Justice Mostert on behalf of all of you congratulating him on his courage and integrity.

Sheena, Gita and I will personally deliver a letter to the Prime Minister at the Union Buildings on Monday 13th November at 10.30 a.m. I enclose a copy of the Press statement we have released which will give you a good idea of the contents of the letter.

I have written a letter to Dr. Piet Meyer of the S.A.B.C. protesting about the failure of the S.A.B.C. to report on Judge Mostert's disclosures and pointing out that the S.A.B.C. is a servant of the public and not an arm of the Government.

Legal advice was taken on all these letters.

This morning two of us stood at the University Fountain for an hour and a half, one at a time, holding two posters which read :

"NO COVER-UP. WE DEMAND THE FACTS" and "RE-INSTATE THE MOSTERT COMMISSION IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY".

I wrote to the Minister of Justice protesting his banning and punishment without trial in general, and requested him to receive a deputation. Recently a polite reply was received in which his secretary pointed out on his behalf that as he believed that Dr. Motlana was engaged in undesirable activities, and that as he also believed that his Department must be better informed than we are, he felt that no useful purpose could be served by receiving a deputation.

The Rand Daily Mail reported this morning that Solveig Piper and the representative of another organisation had been instrumental in preventing the demolition of Clermont outside Durban simply by their presence there. Even though this will unfortunately be only a temporary reprieve we feel very proud of Solveig and the Natal Coastal Black Sash, and we congratulate them. We all know of the outstanding work Cape Western is doing at Crossroads.

It seems as though the damage done to the Campaign on the New Constitution might not have been as severe as I had anticipated, and I hope that the next meeting will be well-attended. I hope to be able to report more fully at Conference.

My love to you all,

Joyce
JOYCE HARRIS
NATIONAL PRESIDENT.