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STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

On Monday 13th November at 1030 a.m the Black Sash will deliver by hand a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr. P. W. Botha, appealing to him to assure the public of South Africa that all information uncovered by the various Commissions of Inquiry into the defunct Department of Information and exchange control contraventions will be released ; that there will be no cover-up whatsoever ; and that Parliament will have the full facts before it when it meets to discuss the matter in December.

The Black Sash pointed out to Mr. Botha that he had promised the country a clean administration, but because Judge Mostert has been so summarily dismissed after his exposure of facts which are obviously unpalatable to the Government and because there is to be such strict control over the evidence placed before the Erasmus Commission, the public was being given an impression that was not conducive to confidence in a clean administration.

The Black Sash asked Mr. Botha to ensure that taxpayers' money is in good hands and being used for the purposes for which Parliament has voted it ; to wipe out corruption if there has indeed been any ; and to ensure all the people that they can rely absolutely upon the integrity of those in high office. The only way to achieve this would be to make public all the facts which are uncovered by the Commissions of Inquiry and to be seen to be taking appropriate action.

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