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## REPORT AND INFORMATION GIVEN BY GROUP M-4 COMMANDER CDE KAPDKO FROM THEIR MISSION IN GROOTFONTEIN AREA

After separating from comrade Samora, the group of 26 followed the old route. They arrived at some villages, they once paid a vinit on the previous journey. From there they crossed a road that has just been completed. After some travelling, they came upon wire fences but no farms could be perceived around. The group spent the night in the area.

By the next morning the group arrived at a cattle post. There were several black workers who received them with hospitality. Here they were slaughtered on ox. By the next morning the group crossed NAMUTONI fence and proceeded southwards. Two days later, the group divided into 2 sections of 13 men each. This they did because the group was detected while collecting water at a certain farm by precious night. One section led by comrade Hinaunyo went to cross RUNTU - GROOTFONTEIN road, while that of comrade Kapoko went south - westerly. Enemy hot pursuit by copters and Recce planes followed the group crossed several wire fences and farmstoads. At a certain farm they found many Bushmen as well as trails of enemy soldiers. Though hunger and thirst was prevailing, the section was unable to visit any of the farmsteads. Enemy was still following them.

The section stopped for the night in GROOTFONTEIN area. By the next morning, enemy planes were pursuing in their rear. A helicopter came to land at a farm they have just crossed and was soon afterwards joined by a Rocce plane. Enemy trucks were also active in the front sector and here and there trails of enemy patrols were seen. Gradually, enemy movements became more and more numerous. Hunger was increasing all thetime and no solution could be found about that for the enemy was almost everywhere. The section had to turn back towards MANGETTI area. Enemy trucks were pursuing them all the time and nearly cought with them at a certain cettle post in MANGETTI area.

On the crossing <u>NAMUTONI</u> - <u>TSITSABIS</u> road, the section laid a bunch of TNF on the read which the enemy detenated that some morning. After cross-over into northern Namibia enemy started shelling in their trail with a Mortar.

The section proceeded to <u>ONGHULE</u> which they reached safely. Here it was joined by the squad of comrade Kamwiya. Later on the same day, comrade Muleka also joined them.

## CAUSES OF FAILURE:

- 1. Enemy movements are quite numerous in the South;
- 2. Hunger and starvation;
- Difficulties for performing our necessary manceuvres as a result of rains and wet earth;
- 4. The enemy, after loosing the trail of our comrades, goes in half circles with quite great Radii and simply catch up with it once again.

## INFORMATION:

- Enemy have employed a new tactic to install at each farm, a communication radio in case a telephone wire is destroyed.
- 2. Farmers are advised to select among their employees the most reliable ones who can prepare food for our comrades even at their own initiative, and report them to the enemy.
- 3. The enemy is constructing quite numerous roads in the sector between the so-called Police mone and OVANBOLAND. Many of such roads are already completed. The aim for such a strategy is still unknown.
- 4. Local "Kakunyas" that have been stationed at OSHUSHU east of KONCO; as well as UNITA bandits at OMAUNI are transferred further South in the areas of OMBOTO and OKATOPE with the aim to block the old route of the "Special Group" into the South.

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