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The following signs with reservations on the interpretation of the Independent Native Republic slogan:

Issy Diamond³

This statement has the unanimous support of the Cape Town aggregate meeting and District Party Committee.

RGASPI, 495/64/140/131, 137–9. Original in English. Typed. Copy. Stamped: 17.NOV.1935 – 6469

50 Telegram from E. Mofutsanyana to ECCI, 22 September 1935¹

DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE FACTIONAL STRUGGLE IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Strictly confidential

Johannesburg, September 1935

to Zusmanovich (Private address) (MOSCOW COMINTERN)

TELEGRAM RECEIVED STOP FIVE UNDESIRED ELEMENTS EXPELLED BEFORE TELEGRAM STOP AMONGST THEM ARE NO LEADING COMRADES STOP PROFESSOR² REMOVED ONLY FROM POST FURTHER STEPS STOPPED REACCEPTANCE OF EXPELLED WILL BRING PARTY GREAT HARM STOP MOSES (KATANE) WENT AWAY FOR A REST³ MONTH STOP

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^{3.} Despite the word 'signed' there are no original signatures in the text.

^{1.} The date is mentioned in the Russian translation of this document: RGASPI, 495/18/1032/218.

^{2.} E. Roux.

^{3. &#}x27;for a rest' - to Moscow.

CARRYING OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WITH REGARDS TO OTHERS STOP TELEGRAPH US GREENWOOD

RGASPI, 495/14/347/4. For the complete selection see: RGASPI, 495/14/347/1–28.

Original in English.

Typed.

Stamped: No. 558 - 18.MAR.1936

(in German)

51 Report of E. Mofutsanyana to ECCI, 25 September 1935

REPORT TO E.C.C.I.

25.9.1935

Comrades,

On our arrival here¹ in August & September last year we found the Party in a sad state.

There were already two hostile sections within the Party. On the one hand Kotane, the leader of the Party and his supporters, on the other hand Bach, who has already been removed from the PB and his supporters. In Johannesburg District there were only four Native functionaries – two on each side. The branch which had about 50 members consisted entirely of whites, many of whom were office workers with petty bourgeois tendencies and very few who were actually active in the work of the Party. The excuse for such a state of affairs was that the Party has been smashed by Wolton & Co. We found no groups or nuclei³ and the Party had reverted to the old Bunting methods of holding aggregate meetings once a week, at which only fights took place between the two sections but no practical work⁴ was being done. All the reports that were sent to the CI at the beginning of 1934 were absolutely false:⁵ this was done deliberately in order to mislead the CI. The Cape Town branch

^{1.} From Moscow.

^{2.} The first paragraph opens with the square bracket in pencil which closes after the word 'Party'. There is a single line in pencil with numbers 1, 2, 3 in pencil, in the right margin opposite the second paragraph.

The first part of this sentence starting from 'We found...' is enclosed in square brackets in pencil.

^{4.} There is a double line in pencil in the right margin opposite the part of this sentence starting from 'fights...'

^{5.} The first part of this sentence starting from 'All the . . .' is enclosed in square brackets in pencil.