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FILE 1 **4 Items**

The Index to the report indicates that meetings took place in October 1987, February, August and December 1988, April and September 1989, February and June 1990.

NB: The notes focus on the interventions of the people from home.

Report on meeting of 31-10-87 to 1-11-87

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Participants are not mentioned.

Main issues discussed were: the political process; the economy; negotiations and ‘bottom-lines’.

Meeting with people from home – 22-24 February 1988

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Meeting took place at the Eastwell Manor Hotel in Kent. Participants from the ANC were Thabo Mbeki, Aziz Pahad, Wally Serote and Tony Trew. From home were Willie Esterhuysen, Sampie Terreblanche and Marinus Wiechers.

The overall topic was ‘creating a climate of change with subsidiary themes: strategies for negotiation; obstacles to producing the climate; aspirations and fears; mechanisms for transition. Also the status of the meeting and the positions and outlooks of the participants from home is described.

Meeting with people from home – 21-24 August 1988

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Meeting took place at Mells Park, near Bath. Participants from the ANC were Thabo Mbeki, Aziz Pahad and Tony Trew. From home were Willie Esterhuysen, Sampie Terreblanche and Willem de Klerk.

Main issues discussed were: review of past meetings and progress on specific issues; internal processes; constitutional thoughts; levels of violence; Angola; what is to be done, and where next? Also positions and outlooks of the participants from home are described.

FILE 2 **5 Items**

Meeting with people from home – December 1988

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Meeting took place at Flitwick Manor Hotel. Participants from the ANC were Thabo Mbeki, Aziz Pahad and Tony Trew. From home were Willie Esterhuysen, Sampie Terreblanche and Willem de Klerk. Not all participants were present during the entire discussions.

Main issues discussed were: current situation; release of Mandela and other political prisoners; constitutional guidelines; regional situation; internal situation; where next. Information on participants is included.

Meeting with people from home – December 1988

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Meeting took place at Mells Park. Participants from the ANC were Thabo Mbeki, Aziz Pahad, Jacob Zuma and Tony Trew. From home were Willie Esterhuyse, Sampie Terreblanche, Willem de Klerk, Louis Kriel and Ernst Lombard.

Main issues discussed were: White political parties; Southern Africa: Angola and Namibia; Negotiations from the ANC Perspective; International Relations; Next meeting.

Meetings with people from home – September 1989

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Meeting took place at Mells Park. Participants from the ANC were Thabo Mbeki, Aziz Pahad, Jacob Zuma and Tony Trew. From home were Willie Esterhuyse, Willem de Klerk, Sampie Terreblanche, Louis Kriel, Ebbe Dommissie and Ernst Lombard.

Main issues discussed were: Namibia and the region; Elections and the state of white politics, the OAU document and negotiations; Conference for a democratic future & group rights; International relations; Next meeting. The notes also reflect discussions outside the formal sessions on: Mandela's meeting with PW Botha; Developments in NGK; Press leaks and Participants.

Meetings with people from home – 9-11 February 1990

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Meeting took place at Mells Park. The title page has 'Draft and Partial Record' on it. Participants from the ANC were Thabo Mbeki, Aziz Pahad, Joe Nhlanhla, Henry Makgothi and Tony Trew. From home were Willie Esterhuyse, Hennie 'Moff' Terreblanche, Marinus Daling, Gert Marais, Attie du Plessis and Willem Pretorius.

The meeting was cut short due to the news that Nelson Mandela was to be released.

Main issues discussed were: FW de Klerk's speech of 2 February; ANC's perspective on the economy; the role of the meetings.

Meetings with people from home – 28-30 June 1990

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Meeting took place at Mells Park. Participants from the ANC were Thabo Mbeki, Aziz Pahad, Joe Nhlanhla and Tony Trew. From home were Willie Esterhuyse, Wimpie de Klerk, Dawie de Villiers, Willem Pretorius, Attie du Plessis, Moff Terreblanche, Fanie Cloete and Marinus Wiechers.

Main issues discussed were: Assessment of the current political situation; the economy – including the topic of privatisation; Where next in the political process"; Constitutional issues.