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Commissioner of Prisons,
Pretoria.

The release of the following prisoners, all of whom are serving sentences of life imprisonment, will be widely appreciated:

- 1 Kathrada, Ahmed,
- 2 Mhlaba, Raymond,
- 3 Mlangeni, Andrew,
- 4 Motsaledi, Elias,
- 5 Sisulu, Walter.

All of them were sentenced in June 1964, and all of them are now more than 60 years of age, Mr Sisulu having turned 77 last May and Mr Mhlaba 70 last February.

- 6 Mr Wilton Mkhwayi was sentenced in December 1964. Although he was arrested after the above persons had already been convicted, he is for all practical purposes a co-accused, the only difference being that he escaped the police net when the others were arrested in July 1963.

- 7 * Messrs Meyisoa and Mdlalose, both of whom are held in Robben Island, were released in the seventies after each had served eight years. They were again arrested and sent this time sentenced to life imprisonment together with Mr Harry Gwala, who was released last year on medical grounds.

- 8 Mr Jeff Masebola, presently held in Duphloof, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1963. All his co-accused have been released, some of them as far back as four years ago. But the Department of Prisons continues to hold him in spite of his poor state of health and age.

I should add that the release of one or a couple of these men only will no longer have any significance.

If you grant this request, as I hope you will, then I would like to see them before they are released. I can see Mr Masebola

immediately after he is released.

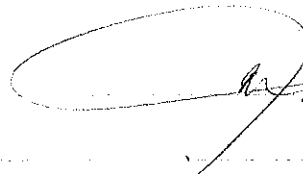
NR Mandela:

1. The full names are

Matthews Meyiwa.

Zakhele Mdolose.

Oscar Mpetha - added on request of
Mrs. Mandela.

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