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State President F.W. de Klerk
Union Building
Pretoria 0001
SOUTH AFRICA

Dear President de Klerk:

The Task Force on Southern Africa of the Church Council of Greater Seattle stands with the residents of Daliwe in demanding that (1) their water supply be restored immediately, and (2) the size of their water and services bill be drastically reduced. We urge your immediate personal intervention in order to accomplish those two objectives.

The cutting off of water to the residents of Daliwe for whatever reason is completely unacceptable. Furthermore, residents of Daliwe contend, actual water usage has been artificially increased because of the failure of apartheid authorities to maintain the water pipes leading to Daliwe. Accordingly, the amount of water used by Daliwe residents bears little resemblance to the amount they are being charged by those same apartheid officials. Asking poor unemployed people who are victims of apartheid oppression to pay for the continuation of a system from which they receive no benefit -- not even the basic necessity of water -- strains credulity. Please exercise your responsibility as chief governmental official to ensure that the water supply for Daliwe residents is turned on and remains on while negotiations regarding water rates proceed and while your government makes the needed repairs in the water lines. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Prince, Chair
Task Force on Southern Africa

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