

National Consultative Assembly
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FILE NO.

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THE COMMITTEE OF SECRETARIES

DELIBERATIONS OF THE 18/7/91 MEETING OF THE
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CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSITION PROCESS

Two versions of documentation on above subject are attached hereto namely 'A' and 'B'.

2. Document 'A' is my original presentation which was vetted by you. Document 'B' is the washed up version of document 'A'.

3. I have ticked certain areas of document 'B' which I think deserve to be followed-up in various ways. The starting point might take the form of a brief by you on all of the ticked issues at the next Committee of Secretaries' meeting, to provoke discussions thereon.

4. Submitted for your consideration please.

MEMBER SECRETARY OF COMMITTEE
OF SECRETARIES AND HEAD
OF CIVIL SERVICE
(E. A. SAI)

Mr SAI

13 September, 1991.

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JED (CRG)

Five points have been ticked in paper 'B' attached. Pick a list there sequentially under a heading typed "Some prominent issues relating to the transition to constitutional rule" and submit to me for clearance with M/Cs, pursuant to taking the list for this week's meeting of the Committee of Secretaries.

30/9/91

Noted. See briefing to meeting of 19/9/91

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25/9/91

19/9/91

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--- I forward attached paper on above for your
attention and follow-up action please.



MEMBER SECRETARY OF COMMITTEE
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23rd July, 1991.



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DELIBERATIONS OF THE 18/7/91 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF SECRETARIES ON A PACKAGE OF INITIATIVES THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE IN RELATION TO THE ON-GOING TRANSITION TOWARDS CONSTITUTIONAL RULE

(a) Dialogue with the Team of Experts on the Drafting of the Constitution

The Secretary for Local Government, in whose Ministry the Team of Experts is housed, should play a liaison role between Government and the Team, and, adopting the Team's informal consultative approach, touch base with the Team and agree with it on a programme of dialogues to relate to:-

- (i) subject areas the Team itself has expressed interest in, i.e. decentralization, public/civil Service reform initiatives and economic management policies and measures and
- (ii) subject areas which the Government side would like to take up with the Team, eg

(1) Structure of government, e.g. whether one tier or two tiers as at now; ~~Executive Presidency or Ceremonial President and Prime Minister;~~

this was not discussed.

(2) Retirement benefits for Head of State and Members of Government;

This was not mentioned.

(3) Parallel Judicial Structure
The traditional Courts and the public tribunals;

yes

(4) The fate of the Revolutionary organs and mass political organizations, e.g. CDRS, CDOs, 31st December Women's Movement;

Fate of organs of mass political mobilisation and Education (No examples to be cited).

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(5) Government's position on human rights and

(6) The Government's directive principles of state policy i.e. Section 1 of PNDC Law 42;

(b) Formulation of a government brief for the guidance of the Government-appointed members of the Consultative Assembly - to be undertaken by the Political Sub-Committee of the PNDC;

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2. sustaining the credibility of the PNDC by being current with civic obligations such as payment of income tax and completion of assets declaration forms while at the same time avoiding actions that would puncture that credibility, e.g. arbitrary dismissals and interdictions and undignifying public conduct;
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4. dealing with the on-going smear campaigns against government in a principled manner;
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