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Dear Sir/Madam

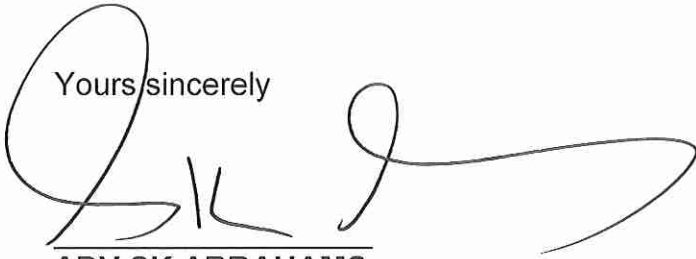
**STATE v JACOB GEDLEYIHLEKISA ZUMA**

1. Your letters, dated 2, 21 and 30 November 2017 as well as 1 and 6 December 2017, refer and the contents thereof noted.
2. I do not intend to respond to each and every averment made and/or allegation levelled therein. As such, my omission to do so should not be construed as acceptance thereof nor acquiescence therewith.
3. As I previously advised, in Mr Zuma's legal representative's letter of 11 October 2017, in which Mr Zuma requested me to afford him an opportunity to submit representations in light of further developments that were reported in the media, which impact on the integrity of the investigation itself in reconsideration of the matter in terms of the provisions of section 179(2) of the Constitution.
4. On 28 November 2017, whilst I was abroad on official business, my office received a letter, dated 24 November 2017, from Mr Zuma's legal representative in which Mr Zuma requests an extension of the timeline to submit his representations until 19 February 2018.
5. In essence, the request for an extension was sought on the following grounds:
  - 5.1 The non-availability of Mr Zuma's Counsel until mid-December 2017 due to prior litigation commitments.
  - 5.2 The matter is complex and voluminous in nature.
  - 5.3 Much had transpired since the submission of Mr Zuma's initial representations eight years ago and time was required to comprehensively review and appraise pertinent matters relating to the representations.

- 5.4 Mr Zuma, by virtue of the office he holds, was unavailable for consultation until after 20 December 2017.
6. In consideration of Mr Zuma's request for an extension, I *inter alia* considered the following prior to arriving at my decision:
- 6.1 Whether there was a sufficient and satisfactory explanation for the request for an extension.
- 6.2 The possible prejudice that is likely to be suffered by all the parties, including yourself, if an extension is granted.
- 6.3 The interests of the administration of justice, including principles of fairness.
- 6.4 The interests of all parties in bringing the matter to finality.
- 6.5 Public interest.
- 6.6 The complexity of the matter.
- 6.7 The lapse of time.
- 6.8 The import of the matter.
- 6.9 The fact that the prosecuting team is presently evaluating the evidential material and will not be ready to advise me thereon until the end of January 2018.
7. In addition, I also consulted with the prosecuting team I appointed, as well as two Deputy National Directors and my legal advisors.
8. I am mindful and appreciate that this matter has an extraordinary long history and has to be brought to finality sooner rather than later.
9. After due consideration of all the relevant factors, I deemed it in the interest of the administration of justice and fairness that I accede to Mr Zuma's request for an extension, but curtailed the period within which his representations should reach my office by no later than 31 January 2018.
10. I have in addition advised the legal representative of Mr Zuma that no further request for an extension for the submission of his representations will be entertained.
11. I have noted your client's preliminary comments as contained in your letter, dated 30 November 2017. I will respond thereto at a later stage.
12. Once Mr Zuma's representations have been received, I will communicate the process and timeline within which I intend to advise of my decision in terms of section 179(2) of the Constitution.

13. I deem it prudent to bring this matter to finality soonest and remain committed thereto.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'A' followed by 'SK' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that ends in a loop.

**ADV SK ABRAHAMS**  
**NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**  
DATE: 10 - 12 - 2017