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Dear President Ramaphosa

REQUEST FOR URGENT MEETING

I write to you to request an urgent meeting between yourself and the leaders of the opposition parties, as well as the Minister of State Security, Ayanda Dlodlo, and the Minister of Police, Bheki Cele.

While much of the timeline that lead up to the looting and unrest in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng is still unclear, what we do know is that there is a glaring discrepancy between Minister Dlodlo and Minister Cele's version of events. Here I refer specifically to Minister Dlodlo's assertion that her department presented an intelligence notice to the National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure (NATJOINTS) warning of the likelihood of unrest days before it started, and Minister Cele's denial that he was shown such a notice.

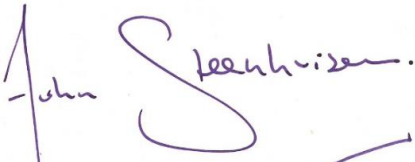
We have subsequently learnt that this notice was given an orange status by State Security and presented to NATJOINTS on the 30th of June, and that it was followed up with daily briefings outlining possible threats to shopping centres and transport routes. However, it appears that this was not acted on by Crime Intelligence and SAPS until it was already too late. The Police Minister denies ever having seen such a notice.

It is critical that we all understand what happened to this notice after its presentation at NATJOINTS. If indeed it was withheld from the Police Minister, who took the decision to do so? And if it was presented to the Police Minister, why was it not acted on, and why did he deny its existence?

This information needs to be dealt with out in the open, and particularly in full view of opposition parties. We cannot afford a perpetuation of the cloak and dagger secrecy highlighted in the Mufamadi high level panel report. I respectfully request that you summons both Ministers Dlodlo and Cele to explain to yourself and opposition leaders what happened, so that we can find the one true version events from these two contradicting stories and be given the

opportunity to provide suggestions on how to ensure the events we witnessed do not happen again.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Steenhuisen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S'.

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