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Dear Ms Powell,

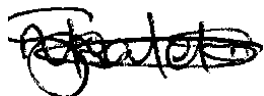
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**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTOR IN TERMS OF SECTION 182(1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, 1996 AND SECTION 8(3) OF THE PUBLIC PROTECTOR ACT, REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULAR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL RAPID RESPONSE TASK TEAM , MEMBERS OF CERTAIN ADVISORY COMMITTEES, AND THE SPECIAL ADVISERS, ADVOCATE MENZI SIMELANE AND MR RIEAZ SHAIK, BY THE FORMER MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, WATER AND SANITATION, AND MS LINDIWE SISULU**

1. Reference is hereby made to an investigation into a complaint you lodged with my office against the former Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, Ms Lindiwe Sisulu.

2. Attached hereto, please find the Public Protector's closing report on a complaint into allegations of irregular appointment of members of the National Rapid Response Task Team, members of certain advisory committees and the two special advisers, Advocate Menzi Simelane and Mr Rieaz Shaik, by the former Minister of Human Settlements, Water And Sanitation, and Ms Lindiwe Sisulu.
3. This report is submitted to you in terms of section 182(1)(b) of the Constitution and section 8(3) of the Public Protector Act, 1994.

Yours sincerely,



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**ADV KHOLEKA GCALEKA**  
**ACTING PUBLIC PROTECTOR OF**  
**THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
**DATE: 31 MARCH 2023**