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REPORT OF THE MAFELA TRUST RESEARCH ON FALLEN FIGHTERS INFORMATION GATHERED
FROM JAN. 1996 TO DEC. 1996.

1. The Mafela Trust staff has been continuing registering information about the fallen fighters who died during the liberation struggle of Zimbabwe. The little information was coming from the public, especial those whose relatives died in action during the war and missing.

1.2 The actual figures that we have established in 1996 are as follows:

(a)	Number of real names registered	-	47
(b)	Number of psuedo names registered	-	02
(c)	Number of unknown names registered	-	10
(d)	Number of civilians registered	-	05
(e)	Number of missing civilians	-	00
(f)	Number of missing guerrillas	-	05

2. PUBLICATIONS

2.1 The actual number of guerrillas which have not been published as from 1993 to 1996 and number of civilians are as follows:

(a)	Number of guerrillas not published	-	483
(b)	Number of civilians not published	-	05

3. CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

3.1 Currently the two staffs of The Mafela Trust are continuing processing the little information that is coming in from the public, especial those whose relatives died in action and those that are still missing.

3.2 Also to assist the relatives and widows of the fallen fighters, by compliting war victims compensation forms and Social Welfare forms for their assistance.

4. PROBLEMS:

4.1 Ever since the formation of the Trust, many issues are still pending which require explicit definations and solusion especial the burning issue of Death Certificates for those who died in action.

4.2 Although finances for the Trust are hard to come by, I here strongly feel that on the part of the Patrons and the Trustees, virtual very little

effort has been spared to revamp the image and activities of the internal and external.

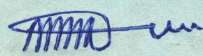
- 4.3 The Mafela Trust is now not known ^{through} by its work from its formation due to lake of publicity, visits and follow up to areas where Zipra concentrated its operations during the liberation struggle.
- 4.4 The publications of many names of the fallen fighters and the civilians that died during the war in action and assisting the guerrillas, are now over due. These publications usual assist in the revival of the interest from the people in the Mafela and also carter for the increase in activities of the Trust.
- 4.5 People come to Mafela Trust expecting results about the whereabouts of their relatives who died in action and those that are missing , acquisition of their death certificates and other necessary assistance to enable them to acquire much assistance ^{needed} needed from the dept. of Social Welfare, ^{of 4.3 & 4.4} nothing much is happening now because ^(see) above.
- 4.6 Conditions of work or employment have to date been not catalogued. I hope this state will not stimulate the working staff of the Mafela, if this state of affairs will continue indefinitely.
- 4.7 No increament on allowances of the ^{staff} since 1991 to 1996, therefore the cost of leaving is getting too high almost every month.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 5.1 Visits are to be done to areas of new and old information on grave locations and verification of other information received from various areas of concern.
- 5.2 To erect Shrine at Pupu in Lupane district and prepare some of the grave sites, before anything is done , we should revisit all the areas we visited in 1990 to 1991 and that will need a reliable transport to cover all the areas.

N.B. So far we have assisted twenty widows of the fallen fighters to get assistance from the dept. of Social Welfare, they all succeeded.

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