

SM – Sello Maema

AD – Ari Danikas

Embassy meeting, 19 January 2016

THE LETTER

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[AD's lawyer starts discussing Maema's letter to Julian Knight that was leaked to the media, and asks for the false impression to be corrected in the media]

29:45

SM: Julian and I have had exchanges. The exchanges were sort of like pressure. He spoke about some of the things that are here [pointing to the letter/email]

[he mentions they haven't spoken for six months, then starts talking about AD's statement not being signed, and why AD was disclosed as a witness to the defence etc]

50:48

AD: [continues discussion about statement not signed, witness protection, unique circumstances etc] We realise the value that you have for the case... in my endeavours to explain what has happened [to Julian Knight?] I could have damaged the trust relationship you had with him

APOLOGY

56:15-57:32

SM: For whatever was caused because of our communication with Julian ... for whatever ... mistrust it caused, we apologise. We mean well. We recognise the value that you can add to our case. I wrote the letter, and I honestly and earnestly apologise and I want to restore the trust. I appreciate the value that you mean to us. ... Please accept my apology on behalf of the prosecuting authority.

Sello Maema phonecall to Ari Danikas, 17 October 2016

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SM: [they talk about witness protection being between Ari and Dawood Adams]

AD: Is the NPA still interested [in] my statement. That's what I need to know.

SM: Ja. We wouldn't have sent the statement through the diplomatic channels if we not interested in you as a witness.

[They discuss Dawood's lack of action]

AD: The last letter you sent, it says that I'm not a witness...

SM: [explains that the law in SA allows you to withhold some names of witnesses sent to the accused]. I withheld your name. I will never disclose your name to anyone else but you remain my witness. I have never written a letter saying you are not my witness. I will not add it [Danikas's name] on the indictment because that will compromise your safety. The law says the state is allowed to withhold the identity and addresses of certain witnesses.

06:50

AD: [reminds Maema of his email from 2015 stating "that I am no longer required to be a witness"].

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SM: What I was saying, when I was talking to that lawyer ... [Knight] I said to him that we are considering. I knew that he was going to run to the media. I didn't want in writing to confirm that we are not using you. I said at this stage we are considering this and we haven't finalised it. But I wouldn't have gone all the way to [doing the MLA etc]

[they discuss Booyesen's inside information, his threats to Julian Knight, photos taken of his house, he had to move]

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