

# Congressional Black Caucus Inc.

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April 5, 1978

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Congressional Black Caucus Members  
FROM: Congressman Parren J. Mitchell  
RE: Courtesy visit with The Right  
Reverend Buthelezi

The Right Reverend Manas Buthelezi, one of the influential urban Black leaders in South Africa, has requested a meeting with the Congressional Black Caucus.

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 6th at 4:00 p.m. in Room 414 Cannon. I hope you will make every effort to attend.

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TO: Barbara Williams

FROM: Kornegay

RE: Meeting with Manas Buthelezi

The following are 8 basic questions which I think should  
be put to Mr. Buthelezi:

1. Since the bannings and detentions of last October affecting the Black Consciousness Movement, what is the state of Black opposition to Apartheid inside South Africa?
2. What are the prospects of some future accomodation between the Soweto Committee of Ten and the Vorster Government over the issue of self-determination for urban blacks? And is such an accomodation - if it occurs - likely to be linked to plans for Asians and Coloreds?
3. Is there any prospect of cooperation or coordination between urban and rural homeland black opposition to Apartheid (the only homeland opposition comes from Manas Buthelezi's cousin, Gatsha Buthelezi, the leader of the KwaZulu homeland who has just formed an alliance with Colored and Asian opposition elements)? And, is their any role for the exiled liberation movements: African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC)?
4. What is expected of U.S. policy?
5. What about the issue of foreign private investment? should ~~#####~~ companies remain, increase their investment, or leave?
6. Under the current economic recession in South Africa, is it even likely that such companies will reform their practices in South Africa?
7. How can black Americans relate relevantly to the struggle against Apartheid and be supportive of the aspirations of black South Africans?
8. Are black South Africans hopeful of help from independent Africa?
9. Finally, what kind of alternative political and economic system do you envision emerging eventually in South Africa in the future?

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The following is a chronological biography of The Rt. Rev. Manas Buthelezi.

FULL NAME: Manas Philelupheka Buthelezi

DATE OF BIRTH: February 8, 1935

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EDUCATION:

Teacher's Training School, Marian Hill  
Durban, 1953-56

Lutheran Theological Seminary, Oscarsberg,  
Natal, 1958-61

Received B.A. from UNISA (University of  
South Africa, 1960

Studied at Yale Divinity School under Church of  
Sweden Mission scholarship, 1963-64, receiving  
his Masters degree in Sacred Theology

Received Doctorate in Theology, Drew University,  
Madison, New Jersey, 1968

Did selected courses at University of Lund,  
Sweden, 1964-68

EXPERIENCE:

Taught high school, 1957

Pastor of Lutheran Congregation, 1961-63

Lectured at Lutheran Theological Seminary,  
Mapumulo, 1968-69

Pastor of Lutheran congregation in Sobantu,  
Pietermaritzburg, 1970-72

Guest lecturer at University of Heidelberg,  
Germany, 1973

Director of Natal Province unit of Christian  
Institute of Southern Africa, 1973-75

Lecturer at Wesley Seminary, Washington, D.C.,  
1975

Associate General Secretary, Federation of  
Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Southern Africa,  
1975-76

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EXPERIENCE: (continued) Bishop, Central Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa, 1976-Present

President, Black Parents Association 1976 - Present (This organization was banned in October 1977.)

CONFERENCES: Participated in World Council of Churches "Salvation Today" conference in Bangkok, 1973.

Served as Member of "Mission on Six Continents" team in the U.S.A., 1973. This program was sponsored by the USA Committee, Lutheran World Federation and the Lutheran Churches United of Southern Africa.

MARITAL STATUS: Bishop Buthelezi is married to Grace Mhlungu, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Paulus Mhlungu.

Rev. Mhlungu is Bishop of the Southeastern Diocese of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Africa.

The Buthelezi's have four children.

PUBLICATIONS: Bishop Buthelezi has written numerous articles for church periodicals and is co-author of "Essays on Black Theology."

HONORS: Honorary Doctorate, Drew University, 1977

On December 16, 1973, Bishop Buthelezi was served a five-year banning order under the Suppression of Communism Act which was lifted in May 1974.

In 1975 Bishop Buthelezi won a libel suit against "To The Point" magazine for slanderous editorial on February 1, 1974.

Accompanied by his wife Bishop Buthelezi will be travelling in the United States for approximately thirty days, meeting with a variety of individuals and organizations interested in Southern African issues.

Rev. and Mrs. Buthelezi's travel arrangements are being facilitated by the African-American Institute.