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ANC Submits Proof Of Telephone Tapping

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The African National Congress on Monday submitted what it said was incontrovertible proof that its telephone lines at Codesa were tapped, and blamed the Government.

In a document signed by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, and submitted to the Daily Management Committee, the ANC said tests by a private investigation agency showed three telephone lines were bugged.

It would not name the agency.

Attached to the document was what appeared to be a photo-copy of a computer print-out for five tests carried out on three telephones on May 15.

The ANC said this print-out was given to the technical director of the INEQ private investigation firm, Mr Andy Grudko, for a second opinion.

"He confirmed that the print-outs showed that the three lines were tapped at the time that the tests were carried out."

The ANC's document suggested possible complicity by a Telkom technician at Codesa, apparently revealed when the technical expert arrived to do a physical check on the lines.

The check revealed no suspicious devices inside the building. However, the technical expert said the devices were placed on the three lines outside the World Trade Centre, probably in the exchange at Isando.

"On the basis of the check made by the private company hired by the ANC and taking into account the expert opinion of Mr Grudko with regard to the print-outs of the five test results we submit that it is incontrovertible that the three telephone lines were being monitored."

Turning to who was to blame, the ANC said the alleged culprit would have to have technical equipment and resources at its disposal and unimpeded access to the Isando Post Office exchange.

"Furthermore, the issue must be placed in the context of accumulating evidence as to how the different agencies of the South African state have been and are still, operating.

"Without labouring the point, it is our considered view that one or other agency of the South African Government is involved with the use of State funds and resources and activities aimed at destroying the ANC."