

DATE : MAY ~~16~~ 1970

INFORMANT : LASHONGWE

REGIMENT:

AREA : ESITHENI

(PORTION OF TAPE RECORDED BY HILDA KUPER)

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My father is the chief of that area which is the gateway to the wars. They are strong war veterans who appeared to be very pugnacious and so the Dlamini trusted them and believed that they would block the way against enemies at the time of strife.

We do not know the forehistory from the starting point of the Dlamini, but we know ~~we~~ it since we were removed from Bulungu by the King to come and settle in this area. We are really Swazi.

What really annoys ~~y~~ us is the fact that our land was then incorporated into the Republic by cutting it. The chief, who is the son~~s~~ of Mabhubha is one suspect of the sell out. His name is Tihlonhlo. Apparently he has been influenced by the Republican whites to leave the Shongwe area and go to the Republic. This instead of making an effort to retrieve our land.

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