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De Wet	It is Monday 26 October 2009, Centurion. I am here with Colonel Lucas Ras, a former colonel in die security branch's D branch unit. I would like to talk to him about the far right, how effective they were and how they were infiltrated by the security police. Lucas, please tell us about this and what D branch stood for.
Lucas	I was personally involved with the security branch in gathering information on the intelligence side. It was all about right wing activities as well as on the left wing. The right wing, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) and other right wing organisations. My personal evaluation at the time was that they were not really very effective and not well organised. When they committed a terrorist attack we were in a position to gather sufficient information to catch them within several days and in some instances within hours. We were always referring to the right wingers as the "brandy and coke squads". Soon after they planted a bomb the culprits would gather with their buddies in a pub boasting about their deeds. Another case was the Boer Crisis Action. A total different kettle

	<p>of fish from the other right wing organisations. These people were well organised, it was very difficult to infiltrate into their ranks and the security branch virtually had no intelligence on their activities during my time of service.</p> <p>Very much in stark contrast of the rest of the right wing organisations.</p>
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