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De Wet	It is Monday 26 October 2009, Centurion, and I am talking with Colonel Lucas Ras who was before 1994 an officer in the security branch who had mainly concentrated on the right wing and the left wing like looking at the activities of MK cadres. Lucas tell us more about the informants you handled inside MK. Also explain how it worked, how effective was it, because a lot of people do not know about it.
Lucas	Yes, De Wet I would like to mention that when I came back from Namibia in 1989 I was given the spesific task by my commanding officer to infiltrate MK and to recruit members of MK. I operated from a safehouse and within six months managed to recruit 14 MK informants. Some of them woprked in Lusaka and the others were recruited in other ways. I recall one spesific incident when we found out that the MK member was treated in a hospital for injuries. We abducted him from his hospital bed. Within two days we recruited him as an informant. He lead us to other Mk members in the country. We also arrested/abducted them and turned their heads. In turn they assisted us to recruit more MK informants. One of these informants were in MK's communication department. The former head of the defence force's sister,

	Jackie Sedibe, was in those days head of communication in Lusaka. What in fact then happened that all ANC communication from Lusaka to South Africa went through my office.
De Wet	In other words they they were under the impression they were sending information to MK in South Africa, but it in fact was relayed to your office and handled from there.
Lucas	That is correct. All orders for infiltration during that time, the routes, the names of the people who were going to infiltrate, their orders, sabotage assignments, everything we know beforehand before they infiltrate into the country.