

Dear Sam

The allegation that I sms'd Mr. L McCarthy or that I had a joint or any discussion with Mr. L McCarthy and Mr. B Ngcuka about the leaking of any information to the media on any subject at any time is a fabrication. It should be noted that the passing of the late Mrs Kate Zuma in December 2000, preceded my employment in the Presidency, which commenced in 2004 and to my knowledge the information surrounding that tragic incident was a matter of public record years before 2007. Furthermore, I reject the Mail and Guardian's assertion that there is a "high degree of confidence that recording of such conversations between Mr Fowler and Mr McCarthy". My rights are reserved in the matter.

Regards

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