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INFORMANT: ? GININDZA

REGIMENT :

AREA:

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM:

We originated from Lubombo. We arrived from the north at Embo. Then we migrated from Lubombo to Mdzimba where we finally settled, and looked back upon the mysterious journey we had made to this place. The first person to ~~em~~ come here was a scout. In fact our first halt was at Tembe in southern Tongaland. From there we moved on a ~~xxxxx~~ course parallel to the Lubombo until we came to the Mdzimba ranges.

QUESTION A

When ~~xxxx~~ did you become Ginindza?

I know not about the time.

QUESTION B

Were the Ginindza given land to settle on?

Indeed we were offered a vast land, from the Mdzomba across the Mbuluzi as far as Malandela. Here we incorporated ~~xxxx~~ Mphundzi Magagula, who was a leader of the ~~xxxx~~ clan. He of course was our induna. All this happened when Somhlolo was king.

During the days of Mbandzeni there arrived the Boers who asked him for grazing land. The king allowed it and the Ginindza clan could have no complaint. There were of course other minor clans amongst them, but the other prominent people amongst them were the princes of Sicgweni who were put there by Mswati. The most prominent one was Sabandla, who built his home at Kutayi. Our Ginindza area extended along the Mbuluzi down to the Ndwandwe then up through ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{Nkomazi} River, then up to Watch Rock (eTsheni-lekebomisa) through Mandela.

QUESTION C

~~Were you here before the Ndwandwe~~ Were the Ndwandwe here before you were given the land.

They arrived during Mswati's reign. Before the Ndwandwe were our neighbours the Magagula were our neighbours.

There was a Boer by the name of Dunch. After he had been given land to graze his sheep there arrived another one by the name of Vin, who came from Mgunlovu in Natal Provinve. He found people hunting and burning the veld here. He camped in the same area. Then he asked why they burnt that place, and whose place it was. They told him that it was their chief's. The boer asked for a ~~xxxxxxx~~ piece of land and the man agreed. The white told the ~~xxxx~~ ^{man} to come for further discussions at his hut. The name of the poor man was Bhashabhasha Cucuza Motsa. He had not even a wife, but he dared sell land which was not even his to the white man. The white man wrote down that he had got the land from Bhashabhasha, and then returned to Mgunlovu.

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On his return to this area he claimed the whole of the area saying that he had bought it from this poor man. He was english or maybe scottish. This english man came when Mbandzeni was dead and his son Bhunu was still young.

I remember the time when the Zulu came here and burnt our ~~x~~ village. After their retreat one man remained in a field. When some of the Swai warriors returned from the caves this man called out for help because he was very hungry. Instead of ~~x~~ help the Swazi ~~gave him~~ killed him.
