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LETTER DATED 5 MAY 1978 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the text of a message sent to Your Excellency by H.E. Mr. Jose Eduardo dos Santos, First Vice-Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Angola.

I request Your Excellency to circulate this message as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Elisio DE FIGUEIREDO
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative to the United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 5 May 1978 from the First Vice-Prime Minister
of Angola addressed to the Secretary-General

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola, exercising the prerogative conferred upon it as a Member of the United Nations, has the honour of bringing to the attention of the Security Council new acts of aggression against the sovereignty of the Angolan State by the racist régime of South Africa, launched from the illegally occupied territory of Namibia.

On 4 May, at 6:00 a.m., troops of the regular South African army were parachuted from South African war planes after having violated the air space of the People's Republic of Angola and bombed the area of Kassinga, causing serious material damage and victimizing Namibian refugees camped there.

During that same morning, and with extensive air support, still additional airborne forces were dropped.

The special session of the General Assembly has just taken place and approved a Programme of Action to support the heroic struggle of the Namibian people for their independence and to condemn the criminal policy of apartheid. We are able to witness once again the desperate acts of violence of the Vorster régime against the peoples of Angola and Namibia, acts which demonstrate a total disrespect for the resolutions of the General Assembly.

The Government of the People's Republic of Angola considers the situation created as a result of this new aggression against its sovereignty and territorial integrity to be extremely grave, and appeals to the Security Council to take the necessary measures to repulse these attacks and prevent further deterioration to the security of the region.

Please accept our protests made in the highest regard.

Jose Eduardo DOS SANTOS
First Vice-Prime Minister
People's Republic of Angola
