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Letter dated 13 February 1974 from the Acting Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the communication addressed to the Special Committee on Apartheid by the Permanent Representative of Botswana concerning the death of Mr. Abraham Tiro as well as to the discussion to which the communication gave rise in the Committee. 1/

I am instructed to inform you that the Government of the Republic of South Africa takes the strongest exception to the imputations and insinuations of South African involvement in the death of Mr. Tiro. The Government of South Africa states categorically that it was in no way directly or indirectly responsible for his death and that it in no way connived at it.

South Africa has frequently expressed its strongest opposition to and condemnation of acts of terrorism of any kind. Acts of this nature are indefensible and inexcusable and cannot under any circumstances be condoned. The South African Government accordingly also condemns this particular outrage by whomever it may have been committed.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) V. R. W. STEWARD
Acting Permanent Representative

1/ See A/AC.115/SR.273, p. 3.