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LETTER DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH
AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

At the request of the South African Minister for Foreign Affairs, the
Honourable R. F. Botha, I am enclosing the text of a letter he has addressed to
Your Excellency on 5 February 1980.

I should appreciate it if this letter could be circulated as a document of
the Security Council.

(Signed) J. Adriaan EKSTEEN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 5 February 1980 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General

During the past 12 months I have brought to Your Excellency's attention a large number of attacks by SWAPO against the people of South West Africa, causing death and destruction.

These attacks were launched either from Angola or from Zambia. Repeated appeals to Your Excellency and to the Governments involved have been of no avail.

The South African Government has information indicating that SWAPO is preparing to intensify its attacks from bases inside southern Angola and southwestern Zambia. Indications are that SWAPO will, as in the past, be actively assisted by elements of the MPLA and the Zambian National Defence Forces.

South Africa is responsible for the security of South West Africa/Namibia and will continue to defend the Territory and its people against outside attack with the utmost determination. Moreover, countries which allow their territories to be used as springboards for such attacks cannot escape the consequences of their actions.

This communication is also being sent to Luanda and Lusaka.

R. F. BOTHA
Minister for Foreign Affairs