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LETTER DATED 22 FEBRUARY 1980 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

At the request of the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable R. F. Botha, I am enclosing the text of a letter he has addressed to Your Excellency on 22 February 1980.

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

(Signed) David W. STEWARD
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 22 February 1980 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to refer to previous letters which I have addressed to your Excellency in connexion with crimes committed by SWAPO in South West Africa, as well as to letters in this regard addressed to you from time to time by South Africa's Permanent Representative to the United Nations expressing my Government's hope that you will assist in bringing about a cessation of border incidents so as to lower tension in the area and to establish a peaceful atmosphere.

I now attach a list of the latest violations committed by SWAPO terrorists against the people of South West Africa.

It is clear, your Excellency, that SWAPO, with international assistance, is continuing with its violence primarily aimed at innocent civilians in the border area and the time has come for the United Nations to prove its impartiality by ensuring that steps be taken to contain this SWAPO campaign of terror.

R. F. BOTHA MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Enclosure

LIST OF SOUTH WEST AFRICAN BORDER VIOLATIONS FROM ANGOLA

- 1. On 27 November 1979, at 17 degrees 24 1/2 S, 14 degrees 35 E between beacons 5 and 6, approximately 25 km East of Ruacana, a water pipeline was blown up by a group of 10 terrorists who returned to Angola after laying explosive charges.
- 2. On 27 November 1979, at 17 degrees 41 S, 15 degrees 20 1/2 E, approximately 35 km north-east of Ombalantu, a Soviet TMA 3 mine was detected and lifted.
- 3. On 27 November 1979, at 17 degrees 41 S, 15 degrees 45 E, approximately 12 km north-east of Oshakati, two terrorists robbed a general dealer shop belonging to Mr. Andreas Ndeutwa, at gunpoint. On completion of the robbery Mr. Ndeutwa and his wife were forced to board their own light truck. Approximately one km from the shop the terrorists stopped the truck, accused him of being a Security Forces informer, shot him dead and set the truck alight. Mr. Ndeutwa's wife managed to escape and the terrorists retired across the border into Angola.
- 4. On 30 November 1979 at 17 degrees 34 1/4 S, 16 degrees 44 1/2 E, approximately 45 km south-east of Eenana, Security Forces ambushed a group of 30 terrorists attempting to penetrate southwards. The terrorists withdrew back into Angola under cover of darkness. Casualties are unknown.
- 5. On 3 December 1979, at 17 degrees 33 1/2 S, 16 degrees 44 E, approximately 45 km south-east of Eenana, Security Forces ambushed another group of approximately 60 terrorists attempting to penetrate southwards. The terrorists withdrew back into Angola. Casualties are unknown.
- 6. On 7 December 1979, at 17 degrees E, 13 degrees 11 1/2 E, in the vicinity of Epupa Waterfall, the border patrol recovered the body of a terrorist who had drowned whilst attempting to cross from Angola. A Tokarev pistol and webbing were removed from the body.
- 7. On 7 December 1979, at 18 degrees 03 3/4 S, 16 degrees 14 E, approximately 20 km south-west of Onkankolo, six children picked up a Soviet Fl handgrenade. Two were killed and four seriously injured when the grenade exploded.
- 8. On 12 December 1979, at 17 degrees 25 3/4 S, 16 degrees 10 1/2 E, approximately 15 km north-east of Eenana, approximately 10 terrorists attempted to ambush a Security Forces patrol. Two terrorists were killed, while the remainder fled into Angola.
- 9. On 13 December 1979, at 17 degrees 15 S, 16 degrees 27 E, approximately 30 km south of Onkankolo, Headman Whilhelm Nicodemus was murdered in his village by 3 terrorists.

- 10. On 15 December 1979, at 17 degrees 34 3/4 S, 15 degrees 54 E, approximately 34 km north-east of Oshakati, a village was attacked by four terrorists. A hut was burned down before the terrorists were driven off in the direction of Angola by the inhabitants.
- 11. On 16 December 1979, at 17 degrees 26 1/2 S, 15 degrees 03 3/4 E, approximately 10 km north of Ombalantu, Security Forces intercepted a group of 30 terrorists in the vicinity of the general dealer shop complex. Three terrorists were killed in the ensuing skirmish and at least 5 were wounded. The terrorists fled back into Angola, taking the wounded with them.
- 12. On 18 December 1979, at 17 degrees 36 1/4 S, 17 degrees 05 3/4 E, approximately 17 km north-west of Nkongo, two Soviet TMA 3 mines were detected and lifted.
- 13. On 18 December 1979, at 17 degrees 27 S, 15 degrees 58 E, approximately 11 km south-east of Oshakati, two Soviet TMA 3 mines were detected and lifted.
- 14. On 20 December 1979, at 17 degrees 52 1/2 S, 15 degrees 59 3/4 E, approximately 5 km north of Ongangua, a small group of terrorists attacked the village of the Ovambo Minister of Justice, Mr. Tara Imbili, with 60 mm mortars RPG 7'S and AK 47 rifles. The attack was repulsed by homeguards after a 30 minutes exchange of fire. Three women and three homeguards were lightly wounded in the attack.
- 15. On 21 December 1979, at 17 degrees 24 S, 15 degrees 59 1/2 E, approximately 16 km west of Oshikango, between beacons 20 and 21, Security Forces intercepted 9 terrorists attempting to infiltrate from Angola. The terrorists fled back into Angola after a brief exchange of fire.
- 16. On 21 December 1979, at 17 degrees 25 S, 16 degrees 04 E, approximately 25 km east of Oshikango, between beacons 21 and 22, Security Forces intercepted 10 terrorists attempting to infiltrate from Angola. One terrorist was killed, while the remainder fled back into Angola.
- 17. On 21 December 1979, at 17 degrees 32 3/4 S, 14 degrees 34 E, approximately 20 km south-east of Ruacana, Mr. Gustaf Simon was murdered by three terrorists who then fled into Angola.
- 18. On 22 December 1979, at 17 degrees 24 1/4 S, 15 degrees 03 1/2 E, approximately 15 km north of Ombalantu, Security Forces intercepted four terrorists attempting to infiltrate from Angola. The terrorists fled back into Angola after a brief exchange of fire.
- 19. On 22 December 1979, at 17 degrees 31 S, 14 degrees 52 1/2 E, approximately 10 km west of Ombalantu, twelve terrorists abducted Mr. Johannes Erastus from his village. Thereafter, then moved by a devious route, covering their tracks to Onahule at 17 degrees 33 S, 14 degrees 51 E approximately 17 km south-west of Ombalantu where they abducted twenty youths on 23 December 1979. The whole group then moved rapidly towards Angola. Johannes Erastus managed to escape during this journey.

- 20. On 23 December 1979, at 17 degrees 42 S, 17 degrees 23 E, approximately 20 km south-east of Nkongo, three terrorists shot and killed Headman Makaria Saraat in his village after which they fled back into Angola.
- 21. On 23 December 1979 at 17 degrees 26 3/4 S, 15 degrees 13 1/4 E, approximately 25 km north-north-east of Ombalantu, four terrorists crossed the border from Angola, plundered the general dealer shop belonging to Shetnoumunma Eritie, and fled back across the border.
- 22. On 25 December 1979, at 17 degrees 50 1/2 S, 15 degrees 53 E, approximately 13 km north-west of Ondangua, three off-duty homeguards in a private vehicle, detonated a Soviet TMA 3 mine. All three were killed.
- 23. On 27 December 1979, at 17 degrees 42 S, 17 degrees 24 1/4 E, approximately 22 km south-east of Nkongo, two terrorists arrived at the village where a wedding was being celebrated and shot the Headman, Mr. Malaka Barnabas dead after which they fled northwards.
- 24. On 28 December 1979, at 17 degrees 29 3/4 S, 16 degrees 33 1/4 E, approximately 22 km east south-east of Eenana, a Soviet TMA 3 mine and a Soviet TM 57 mine were detected and lifted.
- 25. On 29 December 1979, at 17 degrees 57 1/2 S, 16 degrees 20 1/4 E, approximately 13 km west of Onkankolo, a Soviet TMA 3 mine and a Soviet TM 57 mine were detected and lifted.
- 26. On 30 December 1979, at 17 degrees 30 S, 14 degrees 38 3/4 E, approximately 20 km west of Ombalantu, eleven terrorists attacked the village of Headman Petrus Kengele, killing him and one homeguard. A female inhabitant, Rachia Petrus, was also killed in the attack. The terrorists thereafter fled into Angola, crossing the border between beacons 6 and 7.
- 27. On 30 December 1979, at 17 degrees 26 3/4 S, 15 degrees 58 1/2 E, approximately 39 km west of Eenana, a British MK 7 mine was detected and lifted.
- 28. On 30 December 1979, at 17 degrees 23 1/4 S, 15 degrees 53 1/2 E, in the vicinity of Oshikango, terrorists fired on the border observation post from inside Angolan territory, in the vicinity of Santa Clara, using RPG 7 rockets, RPD machine guns and 82 mm mortars. Security Forces replied effectively, silencing the fire.
- 29. On 31 December 1979, at 17 degrees 23 1/4 S, 15 degrees 11 E, approximately 25 km north-east of Ombalantu, eight terrorists were intercepted whilst attempting to infiltrate from Angola. One terrorist was wounded and removed across the border by his fleeing comrades.
- 30. On 1 January 1980, at 17 degrees 27 3/4 S, 16 degrees 15 1/4 E, approximately 10 km west of Eenana, a Security Forces vehicle detonated a Soviet TMA 3 mine. Upon investigation a British MK 7 mine was detected and lifted at the scene.

- 31. On 1 January 1980, at 17 degrees 23 1/2 S, 15 degrees 06 3/4 E, approximately 15 km north of Ombalantu, in the vicinity of beacon 11, five terrorists were intercepted whilst attempting to infiltrate from Angola. The terrorists fled back into Angola after an exchange of fire.
- 32. On 2 January 1980, at 17 degrees 25 1/2 S, 14 degrees 39 E, approximately 16 km west of Mahawene, fifteen terrorists fled northwards into Angola after unsuccessfully attempting to sabotage the bridge over the channel.
- 33. On 2 January 1980, at 17 degrees 33 1/2 S, 16 degrees 07 E, approximately 25 km south-west of Oshikango, the Security Forces made contact with twelve armed terrorists who immediately fled. Their tracks were followed as far as the Angolan border.
- 34. On 5 January 1980, at 17 degrees 35 S, 14 degrees 34 E, approximately 27 km south-east of Ruacana, armed terrorists raped a woman and strangled her afterwards. One km further, the same terrorists knifed a male member of the local population and threw a hand grenade between two members of the local population, killing both. The terrorists fled into Angola.
- 35. On 5 January 1980, at 17 degrees 51 S, 15 degrees 05 E, approximately 40 km south-south-east of Ombalantu, a vehicle of the Ovambo Minister of Works, Mr. Thomas Shikongo, detonated a Soviet TMA 3 mine. Three of the passengers in the vehicle were instantly killed and two others died later.
- 36. On 6 January 1980, at 17 degrees 35 1/2 S, 14 degrees 34 1/4 E, approximately 27 km south-east of Ruacana, Security Forces lifted two TMA 3 Soviet mines.
- 37. On 6 January 1980, at 17 degrees 52 S, 19 degrees 59 1/2 E, approximately 25 km east of Rundu, two terrorists were arrested after crossing the river from Angola.
- 38. On 6 January 1980, at 17 degrees 10 S, 14 degrees 03 E, approximately 80 km south-west of Ruacana, a 7-ton post office truck detonated a mine on the road from Opuwo. One passenger was injured.
- 39. On 6 January 1980, at 17 degrees 34 1/4 S, 13 degrees 30 E, approximately 35 km west of Ruacana, a member of the local population was killed by a terrorist with an AK 47 rifle.

- 40. On 6 January 1980, at 18 degrees 01 3/4 S, 16 degrees 14 1/2 E, approximately 65 km south-south-east of Ruacana, Security Forces made contact with three terrorists who fled immediately. One terrorist was captured and the other two were killed by the Security Forces. All the terrorists came from Angola.
- 41. On 12 January 1980, at 17 degrees 35 S, 17 degrees 16 1/2 E, approximately 6 km east of Nkongo, one member of the local population was killed when his vehicle detonated a mine.
- 42. On 13 January 1980, at 17 degrees 28 S, 15 degrees 55 E, approximately 8 km south of Oshika, Security Forces made contact with 14 terrorists who fled across the border into Angola, between 17 degrees 23 1/4 S, 15 degrees 55 1/4 E.
- 43. On 13 January 1980, at 17 degrees 57 3/4 S, 15 degrees 47 3/4 E, approximately 20 km south-east of Oshakati, 10 terrorists captured and killed a woman of the local population. Afterwards the terrorists forced a member of the local population, at gun point, to transport them to the Angolan border.
- 44. On 14 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 36 S, 17 degrees 30 E, approximately 30 km south-cast of Nkongo, Security Forces lifted two Soviet TMA-3 mines and two personnel mines.
- 45. On 15 January 1980, at position 17 degrees S, 12 degrees 50 E, approximately 160 km west of Ruacana, seven terrorists strangled a member of the local population at Okangoti. Security Forces followed the tracks to the Angolan border.
- 46. On 17 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 36 3/4 S, 14 degrees 09 1/4 E, approximately 25 km south-west of Ruacana, Security Forces contacted a group of terrorists who fled in a north-westerly direction. Their tracks were followed to the Angolan border.
- 47. On 18 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 23 1/4 S, 15 degrees 14 E, approximately 28 km north-east of Ombalantu, a large group of terrorists fired on a member of the Security Forces from across the Angolan border.
- 48. On 22 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 28 1/4 S, 14 degrees 51 1/3 E, approximately 15 km west, north-west of Ombalantu, terrorists ambushed a vehicle of the Department of Water Affairs. The driver of the vehicle fired on the terrorists and killed one who carried an RPG-7. The tracks of approximately 40 terrorists crossed into Angola.
- 19. On 23 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 25 1/2 S, 15 degrees 33 1/4 E, approximately 3 km south of Oshikango, Security Forces located and lifted two Soviet TMA-3 mines. The tracks of six terrorists crossed the border.
- 50. On 23 January 1980, at position 18 degrees 11 S, 16 degrees 22 E, approximately 25 km south of Okankolo, Security Forces made contact with 10 terrorists who fled northwards. The tracks of only eight terrorists crossed the Angolan border.

- 51. On 27 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 29 1/4 S, 14 degrees 58 3/4 E, approximately 5 km west of Ombalantu, 30 terrorists kidnapped Chief Oswild and shot him near the Angolan border.
- 52. On 29 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 30 1/4 S, 13 degrees 49 F, approximately 57 km west of Ruacana, seven terrorists crossed the border from Angola and assaulted Mr. Frederik van der Merwe. They also stole a .303-rifle.
- 53. On 29 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 31 S, 17 degrees 18 E, approximately 10 km north of Nkongo, a vehicle of the Security Forces detonated a TM-57 mine planted by SWAPO terrorists, who had entered from Angola.
- 54. On 30 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 36 S, 16 degrees 56 E, approximately 32 km west of Nkongo, a Soviet TM-46 mine, planted by SWAPO terrorists from Angola, was lifted by the Security Forces.
- 55. On 31 January 1980, at position 17 degrees 40 S, 15 degrees 53 E, approximately 25 km north-east of Oshakati, Security Forces followed the tracks of two terrorists who had crossed the border from Angola. The terrorists were killed. One AK-47 and one RPG-7 were found with the bodies.
- 56. On 1 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 50 3/4 S, 15 degrees 54 E, approximately 7 km north-west of Ondangwa, Security Forces lifted a TMA-3 mine and 18 sticks of TNT.
- 57. On 3 February 1980, at approximately 5 km north of Etale, terrorists fired on the Security Forces with small arms. The terrorists fled over the Angolan border.
- 58. On 3 February 1980, north of Ecnana, terrorists brought down heavy but not effective mortar-fire on the Security Forces. The Security Forces returned the fire and the terrorists fled to Angola.
- 59. On 3 February 1980, at approximately 9 km east of Oshikango, Security Forces ambushed five SWAPO terrorists, killing one. The remainder of the terrorists fled back into Angola.
- 60. On 4 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 25 1/4 5, 17 degrees 08 E, at approximately 14 km north-west of Mkongo near the Angolan border, 80 to 100 SWAPO terrorists ambushed a small patrol of the Security Forces. The tracks of the terrorists were found crossing the border into Angola after the contact.
- 61. On 4 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 25 1/4 S, 17 degrees 07 3/4 E, at approximately 19 km north-west of Nkongo, Security Forces made contact with SWAPO terrorists. One terrorist was killed during the short skirmish, after which the terrorists fled over the Angolan border.

- 62. On 5 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 26 1/2 S, 14 degrees 43 E, approximately 28 km north-north-west of Ombalantu, a vehicle of the Security Forces detonated two TMA-3 mines. The tracks of the terrorists were found entering from and returning to Angola.
- 63. On 5 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 29 1/4 S, 17 degrees 08 1/2 E, approximately 13 km north-west of Nkongo, SWAPO terrorists attacked the Security Forces and killed two of their members. The terrorists' tracks came from, and returned to, Angola.
- 64. Since 15 January 1980, there has been a remarkable increase in terrorist activities instigated by SWAPO from within Angolan territory.
- 65. On 6 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 19 S, 17 degrees 09 1/4 E, approximately 12 km north-west of Nkongo, the Security Forces lifted one TM-57 and one TMA-13 mine.
- 66. On 6 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 23 1/4 S, 15 degrees 06 1/2 E, approximately 17 km north-east from Ombalantu, the Security Forces opened fire on 51 terrorists who immediately fled into Angola.
- 67. On 7 February 1980, at position 18 degrees 12 S, 16 degrees 19 1/4 E, the Security Forces killed four SWAPO terrorists and captured two AK-47 and two AKM-rifles.
- 68. On 8 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 32 1/4 S, 16 degrees 40 E, approximately 36 km east-north-east of Eenana, a vehicle of the Security Forces detonated a mine.
- 69. On 8 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 23 1/4 S, 14 degrees 58 E, approximately 13 km north of Ombalantu, the Security Forces opened fire on two terrorists crossing the border from Angola. The terrorists replied with mortar fire from the Angolan territory.
- 70. On 8 February 1980, at position 18 degrees 29 S, 14 degrees 08 E, approximately 56 km south-east from Opuma, 12 SWAPO terrorists murdered one member of the local population.
- 71. On 9 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 29 3/4 S, 16 degrees 14 E, approximately 13 km west of Eenana, the Security Forces lifted three TMA-3 mines. One PTM-1-BA-2 mine was found on the road.
- 72. On 9 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 19 3/4 S, 16 degrees 13 1/2 E, approximately 12 km west of Eenana, the Security Forces lifted one TMA-3 and one TM-56 landmine.
- 73. On 10 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 39 1/2 S, 16 degrees 06 1/2 E, approximately 30 km south-east from Etale, the Security Forces killed four SWAPO terrorists and wounded one, and also captured four AK-47 rifles and two RPG-7s.

- 74. On 10 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 31 3/4 S, 16 degrees 36 E, approximately 28 km east of Eenana, a vehicle detonated a landmine. Two members of the local population were killed.
- 75. On 10 February 1980, at position 18 degrees 32 1/2 S, 13 degrees 15 3/4 E, approximately 75 km north-west of Sesfontein, two SWAPO terrorists were killed by the Security forces and one SVAPO terrorist was wounded.
- 76. On 11 February 1980, at position 18 degrees 08 1/4 S, 14 degrees 22 1/2 E, approximately 57 km east of Opimo, four members of the local population were killed and one wounded when their vehicle detonated a mine.
- 77. On 11 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 36 1/4 S, 16 degrees 02 E, approximately 28 km east of Oshikango, a vehicle detonated a landmine. Two members of the local population were killed.
- 78. On 13 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 34 1/2 S, 16 degrees 37 3/4 E, approximately 37 km east of Eenana, the Security Forces wounded and captured one SWAPO terrorist who had entered from Angola.
- 79. On 13 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 24 1/4 S, 09 degrees 18 E, approximately 35 km north-east of Ombalantu, three SMAPO terrorists from Angola stole men's and women's clothing from the local population and threatened to abduct the women.
- 80. On 14 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 33 1/4 S, 14 degrees 56 1/3 E, approximately 8 km west of Ombalantu, a vehicle detonated a mine.
- 81. On 15 February 1980, at position 18 degrees 06 S, 16 degrees 24 1/2 E, approximately 14 km south of Okankolo, a vehicle detonated a mine. Two passengers were slightly injured.
- 82. On 16 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 36 S, 17 degrees 14 E, approximately 12 km north-west of Otavi, the Security Forces made contact with a number of SWAPO terrorists who fled.
- 83. On 16 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 23 1/2 S, 15 degrees 10 1/2 E, approximately 12 km north-east of Ombalantu, the Security Forces killed one terrorist and wounded another.
- 84. On 16 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 36 S, 17 degrees 09 E, approximately 8 km south-west of Mkongo, one dead SWAPO terrorist was found by the Security Forces.
- 85. On 17 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 51 S, 15 degrees 54 3/4 E, approximately 8 km north-west of Ondangua, the telephone line was sabotaged. Tracks led to the Angolan border.

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- 86. On 17 February 1980, at position 18 degrees 59 S, 18 degrees 29 E, approximately 73 km north-north-east of Grootfontein, SWAPO terrorists attacked a farmhouse. The farmer returned fire and wounded one terrorist. The terrorists fled in a north-westerly direction.
- 87. On 19 February 1980, at position 17 degrees 49 1/2 S, 14 degrees 52 1/2 E, approximately 35 km south-west of Ombalantu, the Security Forces killed one SWAPO terrorist.

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