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LETTER DATED 28 MARCH 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Prime Minister of South Africa has received Your Excellency's message concerning the detention of Mr. Zinjiva Winston Nkondo alias Victor Matlou and has noted the contents thereof.

It is desired to inform Your Excellency that in arresting Mr. Nkondo, South Africa acted entirely in accordance with the rules of international law.

Nevertheless South Africa, in a spirit of good neighbourliness, is currently engaged in discussions with the Government of Lesotho on this issue.

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

(Signed) J. A. EKSTEEN  
Permanent Representative