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<u>Letter dated 22 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General</u>

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached press release issued by my Government regarding repeated threats made by the South African Government. It is requested that the press release be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>)   Legwaila J. M. J. LEGWAILA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Press release dated 22 April 1987 issued by the Department of
External Affairs of Botswana

On Thursday, 9 April 1987, the Department of External Affairs issued a
statement responding to an allegation by the South African authorities to the
effect that the ANC was planning to launch an offensive aimed at disrupting the
forthcoming South African elections for whites by violence and that to that end
groups of armed cadres were being infiltrated into South Africa via Botswana.

The Department of External Affairs had responded to the South African
allegation by reiterating Botswana's well-known position that Botswana does not
allow itself to be used either as a base for armed attacks on its neighbours or as
a transit route for armed infiltration into neighbouring countries, including South
Africa. In addition Botswana had asked the South African authorities to provide
more detailed information on their allegation.

Tuesday, April 17, this Department received another message from Pretoria
repeating the same allegation about the ANC but without giving the details which
this Department had requested last week. This afternoon another message was
received from Pretoria still without giving the requisite details.