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Letter dated 27 July 1979 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

The South African Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Honourable R. F. Botha, has requested me to transmit to Your Excellency the enclosed statement which he made on 26 July 1979 in reaction to a statement made by the President of the United Nations Council for Namibia on 24 July 1979 (A/34/382-S/13469, annex).

I should appreciate it if the statement could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 27 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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

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ANNEX

Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa,
the Honourable R. F. Botha, made on 26 July 1979 in reaction
to a statement made by the President of the Council for
Namibia on 24 July 1979

1. The President of the United Nations Council for Namibia has issued a statement in New York (A/34/382-S/13469, annex) in which he accuses the South African Government of all sorts of atrocities in South West Africa.
2. It is doubtful whether any office bearer of the Council for Namibia has ever divested himself of so many untruths. The statement contains the distortions, fabrications and lies for which SWAPO terrorists are notorious and would come as no surprise emanating from that quarter. We have no intention of dignifying the statement by answering the absurdities in it, such as the assertion that 15,000 persons have been arrested in the Territory in the last three months and that the South African Government has devised a plan to reduce the Black population by more than 200,000 persons (i.e. by about 25 per cent).
3. No responsible government will believe such ludicrous claims.