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Letter dated 10 June 1987 from the Permanent Representative
of Botswana to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached press release issued by my Government concerning the bomb explosion in the capital of my country, Gaborone, on 8 April 1987. It is requested that this letter and the press release be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 33 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Legwaila J. M. LEGWAILA
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Press release issued by the Government of Botswana on 9 June 1987

Police investigations into the explosive device that killed three Botswana nationals and destroyed houses in Gaborone West on 8 April reveal that the vehicle (Registration No. JKG 375T) that was carrying the device entered this country through the Tlokweng border post on 4 April driven by a Keith Charles Mackenzie of 344 John Sidney Drive, Eersterus, Pretoria. Sources close to Mackenzie say that he informed them that before his departure for Botswana on 4 April, his vehicle was in the hands of the South African police for three days and that when it was returned to him the South African police advised him to drive it carefully as a monitoring device had been installed on it. It is obvious that Mackenzie is an agent of the South African police, and that a monitoring device may indeed have been installed on the vehicle which was to be detonated later for an unknown purpose.

Mackenzie was instructed by the South African police not to drive the vehicle outside the range of the Gaborone Sun Hotel and the Oasis Motel. He was further instructed to abandon the vehicle and make his way back to South Africa in the event that he was subjected to a search at a Botswana Defence Force road-block. Contrary to instructions, the vehicle was driven outside the stipulated range, ending up in Francistown where someone whose whereabouts are unknown allegedly handed it over to one Basnar Pule to drive back to Gaborone.

Indications are that after the return of the vehicle to the agreed range of operation in Gaborone, and fearing that it may no longer be in Mackenzie's possession and might end up in the hands of the Botswana police, the South African police detonated the explosive device on the vehicle by remote control in order to destroy any evidence which might point to the South African connection. They did so knowing that the vehicle was probably parked in a densely populated area of Gaborone.

Mackenzie's whereabouts are unknown and he is still very urgently wanted to assist police investigations. Anyone who knows the whereabouts of Mackenzie or has information which could assist the police in tracing him is requested to make a report to the nearest police station.

The Botswana Government has protested to the South African Government and demanded an explanation concerning the involvement of the South African police in this matter. A response is awaited.
