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LETTER DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY--GENERAL

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

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

(Signed) J. Adriaan EKSTEEN
Permanent Representative

Annex

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

The South African Government has noted Your Excellency's proposal that a team of senior United Nations officials visit South Africa during the week from 29 September to 4 October 1980. I have to inform Your Excellency that the South African Prime Minister and I will be attending a Congress during that time. Thereafter, a special session of Parliament will be held. The swearing in and constitution of the new Cabinet will take place on 7 October 1980. The new Administrator-General of South West Africa/Namibia will assume his post also on that date. In addition, owing to another long-standing commitment, the Prime Minister and I will not be available between 8 and 20 October 1980.

In the circumstances, I suggest that Your Excellency's officials visit South Africa during the period 20 to 27 October 1980. It is assumed at the outset the matters raised in my letter of 29 August 1980 (S/14139) will be discussed.