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Letter dated 28 March 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission 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 another bomb explosion in the capital of my country, Gaborone, on 28 March 1988 (see annex).

It is requested that this letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) David M. RENDOH
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ANNEX

Press release issued by the Office of the President of Botswana
on 28 March 1988

At about 0100 hours on 28 March 1988 a unit of the South African Defence Force attacked a house at Phiring in the broadhurst area of Gaborone. Four people, a man and three women, were sleeping in the house at the time and were all killed. The man has been confirmed as a South African refugee. Two of the three women were Botswana nationals and the nationality of the third is still being ascertained. The identities of the four victims cannot be revealed until their next of kin have been informed.

It appears that several vehicles were used in the operation. One of which, a VW Combi bearing South African registration numbers MPH 494T, was found abandoned near the scene of the incident. The vehicle was immobilized by a tree stump as the attackers fled.

The Office of the President strongly condemns this dastardly attack and murder of innocent people in Botswana by the South African army.

The Office of the President once again reiterates Botswana's belief that South Africa's problems cannot be resolved by attacking neighbouring countries such as Botswana and strongly urges the South African Government to engage in meaningful negotiations with the genuine leadership of the oppressed majority in that country.
