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LETTER DATED 7 APRIL 1979 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE PERMANENT
MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

At the request of the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs, the
Honourable R. F. Botha, I am enclosing the text of a letter he has addressed to
Your Excellency on 7 April 1979.

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

(Signed) J. Adriaan EKSTEEN
Chargé d'Affaires

Annex

Letter dated 7 April 1979 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General

SWAPO continues to resort to cold-blooded killing in South West Africa, in implementation of its campaign of intimidation and terror, at a time when the democratic political parties inside South West Africa are engaged in serious discussions on the future of their country.

On the afternoon of 4 April 1979, Mr. B. A. Hennies was shot and killed on the farm Aloe Grove, north-east of Otjiwarango, while visiting a cattle outpost. Cartridges from a Russian-made AK 47 automatic weapon of the type used by SWAPO were found at the scene of the crime. Last night, Mr. Ono Angula, a well-known resident of Oshakati and Personnel Officer of the Economic Development Corporation of South West Africa, was shot in the back with a Tokarev automatic pistol, while returning home from work in the late afternoon.

Both these victims of SWAPO's criminal acts were ordinary civilians peacefully pursuing their livelihood, and each was in his own way contributing to the development of South West Africa. SWAPO's wanton deeds are clearly aimed at terrorizing the people of South West Africa and at influencing at gunpoint the important deliberations now taking place between the democratic parties. SWAPO's actions give clear expression to their aim of seizing power through the barrel of a gun.

If any hope is to remain of the settlement proposal being implemented this violence by SWAPO must cease. Although neither my Government nor the peaceful inhabitants of South West Africa will be intimidated, SWAPO's tactics could have a decisive influence on the decision the representatives of the South West African people will shortly take on their future. I, therefore, call upon Your Excellency most urgently to take steps to bring about an immediate cessation of SWAPO's killing. I believe Your Excellency can still even at this late hour make a historic contribution to peace by insisting that SWAPO should forthwith desist from the senseless murder of innocent people.
