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LETTER DATED 19 JULY 1976 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, a.i., OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF ZAMBIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE,
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions of my Government, I have the honour to request an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider racist South Africa's repeated acts of aggression against the Republic of Zambia, the latest of which took place on 11 July 1976 between 0300 hours and 0700 hours at Sialola village in the Kaungamashi area of the Western Province. This village is 28 to 30 kilometres inside Zambian territory.

As a result of this latest act of aggression by racist South Africa, in which more than a platoon of her troops supported by her air force attacked and bombed the village, 24 people were killed and 45 were seriously injured. The toll is likely to rise as the search continues for people who are missing.

This and 13 other wanton acts of aggression by racist South Africa which have taken place this year alone constitute a flagrant violation of Zambia's territorial integrity and a threat to international peace and security in the region.

In view of the above, I urge the Security Council to consider seriously urgent action to put an end to this gangsterism.

(Signed) G. R. ZIMBA
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.