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LETTER DATED 26 AUGUST 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to attach herewith a communiqué from the Acting Foreign Minister Venancio de Moura on the details of the military situation in the People's Republic of Angola.

We request that the attached communiqué be circulated as a document of the Security Council in connexion with the question of South African aggression against the People's Republic of Angola.

Elisio de FIGUEIREDO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

(Signed) Antonio TOMBIA
First Secretary
Chargé d'Affaires
(In the absence of the Ambassador)

Annex

Communiqué from the Acting Foreign Minister of Angola
addressed to the Secretary-General

Following communication by His Excellency, the President of the People's Republic of Angola, to Your Excellency about the worsening military situation in the southern portion of my country, I have the honour of transmitting the details of the military situation prevailing up to the moment:

"On 23 August 1981, around 10:45 Hours, the racist South African Air Force made several reconnaissance flights over the areas of Ondjiva and Porto Alexandre. Simultaneously, 6 Mirage type aircraft and 2 Buccaneer type aircraft attacked and destroyed the city hall of Cahama, more than 200 kilometres inside our borders and the city of Tchibemba, which is situated more than 300 kilometres, also inside our national territory.

"Yesterday, 24 August 1981, around 10:00 Hours, there were new violations of our national air space, as well as the infiltration of South African forces distributed into two mobile columns.

"One of these was made up of 32 tanks and 82 armoured cars supported by their air force, proceeding towards the villages of Xangongo and Cahama.

"The first of these columns entered into combat with our forces, in the area of Xangongo (about 100 kilometres inside our borders), with fierce fighting taking place until now.

"While these combats are taking place, the racist South African air force keeps the village of Xangongo under constant heavy bombing.

"The second column, after having occupied the village of Catequero (about 150 kilometres inside our borders), has entered into combat with our troops, with fierce fighting also taking place until now."

The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Angola to the United Nations, H.E. Ambassador Elisio de Figueiredo, will present an official complaint to the Security Council of the United Nations.

I request Your Excellency to circulate this information among all the Member States, as an official document.

VENANCIO DE MOURA
Acting Foreign Minister
The People's Republic of Angola