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Letter dated 22 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative 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 regarding yet another act of state terrorism perpetrated by South Africa against Botswana. It is requested that the present letter and the attached press release be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Legwaila J. M. J. LEGWAILA  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Press release issued on 21 June 1988 by the Government of Botswana

At about 1030 hours last night three policemen were injured, one critically, when the patrol vehicle in which they were driving was fired on by five South African commandos, three of whom were white and two black.

The incident occurred when an unarmed police patrol of six men surprised the South African commando group by the railway line near Khale Mission. The South African commando group was preparing to mount a raid in Gaborone.

Two other South African whites, who drove away in two cars from the scene of the incident when the police arrived and were later arrested at a Botswana Defence Force road block, are in police custody for questioning.

After shooting the police, the South African commando group fled in the police vehicle, which was later found abandoned at the Botswana/South African border near The Woodpecker.

The Government of Botswana reiterates its position that the problems of apartheid in South Africa will not be solved by cross-border raids, murder of innocent civilians and shooting at unarmed policemen in cold blood. We once more condemn these acts of state terrorism by the South African Government.

In another incident, an explosive device went off under a vehicle in Gaborone West at about 0600 hours this morning, destroying the vehicle and damaging a house. Both the vehicle and the house belong to Mr. Allison Seeketso, a Botswana building contractor. Fortunately, neither Mr. Seeketso, his wife nor any of his four children, who were sleeping in the house, were injured. This is yet another South African attempt on the lives of innocent citizens of Botswana.

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