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LETTER DATED 31 OCTOBER 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE 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 31 October 1979;

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

(Signed) J. Adriaan EKSTEEN  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 31 October 1979 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs  
of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to refer to previous letters which I have addressed to Your Excellency in connexion with crimes committed by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) against the inhabitants of South West Africa. In this connexion Your Excellency will recall documents S/12989 of 30 December 1978, S/13205 of 28 March 1979, S/13208 of 30 March 1979, S/13221 of 4 April 1979, S/13230 of 7 April 1979 and S/13315 of 10 May 1979. In addition, South Africa's Permanent Representative to the United Nations has over the months in numerous communications addressed to Your Excellency expressed my Government's hope that you will, through your office, assist in bringing about a cessation of border incidents so as to lower tension in the area and to establish a peaceful atmosphere.

The attached list supplies details of the latest acts of violence committed by SWAPO terrorists and of incidents caused by them after entering South West Africa from their sanctuaries in Angola. In one case a 6-year-old boy was injured when a booby-trapped mine left by SWAPO exploded. In another case two civilian women were brutally raped by six SWAPO terrorists. In yet another case approximately 30 terrorists seized 54 boys and 57 girls from a school hostel and abducted them to Angola. On 28 October 1979 SWAPO terrorists kidnapped Chief Christoff and burnt down his village 2 km north-west of Ombalant Owambo.

Once again, Your Excellency, I wish to stress that these acts of arson, theft, mine-laying, maiming, abduction and rape committed by SWAPO against unarmed and innocent civilians inside South West Africa are viewed with the utmost concern by the people and leaders of the Territory, as well as by the South African Government. These heinous acts once more underline the fact that SWAPO is attempting to obtain its objectives in South West Africa by means of force and intimidation so as to deprive the inhabitants of their right of deciding their own destiny through the normal process of democracy. For this reason I again appeal to Your Excellency to assist through your office in bringing about an end to these atrocities by SWAPO.

(Signed) R. F. BOTHA  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Enclosure

South West African border violations caused by SWAPO  
terrorists infiltrating from Angola: incidents  
during the period 11 to 28 October 1979

(A) 11 October 1979

Position 17 degrees 23 1/4 S, 15 degrees 57 1/2 E at beacon 20 approximately 7 km east of Oshikango. SWAPO terrorists in Angola fired on security forces with mortars and small arms. Terrorists then fled northwards.

(B) 12 October 1979

- (i) Position 17 degrees 41 1/2 S, 15 degrees 57 1/2 E about 24 km north of Ondangwa. One Soviet TM57 landmine lifted by security forces.
- (ii) Position 17 degrees 31 S, 15 degrees 53 E about 15 km south of Oshikango. Six-year-old child, Samuel Elia, lost his finger as a result of explosion of a booby-trapped mine left by SWAPO terrorists.

(C) 13 October 1979

- (i) Position 17 degrees 23 3/4 S, 16 degrees 26 3/4 E about 17 km north of Eenana. Security forces fired on four terrorists who then fled back to Angola.
- (ii) Position 17 degrees 24 3/4 S, 16 degrees 02 3/4 E about 14 km west of Oshikango. Fifteen terrorists fired on security forces and fled when fire was returned.

(D) 14 October 1979

Position 17 degrees 32 1/2 S, 15 degrees 24 1/4 E about 39 km north of Ashakati. SWAPO terrorist armed with AK 47 rifle attempted to murder owner of general dealer store.

(E) 17 October 1979

- (i) Position 17 degrees 24 S, 16 degrees 17 1/4 E about 10 km north-west of Eenana. Four terrorists trying to infiltrate across the border fled back into Angola after being detected and fired upon by security forces.
- (ii) Position 17 degrees 24 S, 15 degrees 39 E, about 25 km west of Oshikango. SWAPO terrorists stole all provisions from Mr. Gabriel Kanjengo's shop and set building alight.
- (iii) Position 17 degrees 31 S, 16 degrees 36 1/2 E, about 30 km east of Eenana. One civilian passenger killed and five others injured when their light vehicle detonated a landmine planted by SWAPO terrorists.

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(F) 18 October 1979

- (i) Position 17 degrees 40 1/2 S, 16 degrees 04 2/3 E 2 km south of Oshigambo. One Czechoslovakian PT-M1-BA 111 landmine lifted by security forces.
- (ii) Position 17 degrees 50 S, 15 degrees 50 3/4 E about 9 km north-west of Ondangwa. Ten telephone poles along the road between Oshakati and Ondangwa blown up by terrorists.

(G) 19 October 1979

Position 17 degrees 23 3/4 S, 15 degrees 40 1/4 E about 25 km west of Oshikango. Two civilian women were brutally raped by six SWAPO terrorists.

(H) 20 October 1979

Position 17 degrees 27 S, 16 degrees 04 E, about 20 km south of Oshikango. Security forces exchanged fire with approximately 30 terrorists after they had infiltrated from Angola. Two terrorists shot dead.

(I) 23 October 1979

- (i) Position 17 degrees 23 1/2 S, 16 degrees 01 1/2 E about 15 km east of Oshikango. Security forces fired on two terrorists who had crossed the border. Terrorists then fled back towards Angola.
- (ii) Position 17 degrees 27 2/3 S, 17 degrees 09 1/4 E 15 km north of Nkongo. Two Soviet TMA-3 landmines lifted by security forces.
- (iii) Position 17 degrees 31 1/2 S, 15 degrees 00 E 2 km south of Ombalantu. About 30 terrorists seized 54 boys and 57 girls from a school hostel and abducted them to Angola.

(J) 24 October 1979

- (i) Position 17 degrees 23 3/4 S, 15 degrees 06 1/2 E about 18 km north of Ombalantu. Four terrorists who attempted to cross the border into South West Africa, fled back into Angola when fired upon by security forces.
- (ii) Position 17 degrees, 23 1/2 S, 14 degrees 34 1/4 E about 20 km east of Ruacana. Security forces vehicle detonated a Soviet TM46 landmine. A second TM46 mine was lifted by the security forces at the same place.
- (iii) Position 17 degrees 23 1/2 S, 17 degrees 27 1/2 E about 32 km north of Nkongo. Two Soviet TMA-3 landmines lifted by security forces.

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(K) 25 October 1979

Position 17 degrees 36 1/2 S, 15 degrees 44 1/4 E about 20 km north of Oshakati. Mr. Kaualelo's shop was robbed by a group of approximately 60 SWAPO terrorists. Thereupon they also stole a Ford pick-up van with registration number SBS 2260 and abducted the owner.

(L) 26 October 1979

Position 17 degrees 27 1/4 S, 16 degrees 13 E, 12 km west-northwest of Eenana. Two members of the local population were injured when their vehicle detonated a landmine laid by SWAPO terrorists.

(M) 27 October 1979

Position 17 degrees 38 2/3 S, 17 degrees 08 1/4 E, 12 km south-west of Nkongo. One Soviet TMA-3 landmine lifted by security forces.

(N) 28 October 1979

Position 17 degrees 29 1/2 S, 14 degrees 59 E, 2 km north-west of Ombalantu. Sixty terrorists abducted Chief Christoff and burnt down his village.

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