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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 8 November 1979.

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

(Signed) J. Adriaan EKSTEEN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 8 November 1979 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs
of South Africa addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's letter of 7 November 1979 addressed to me regarding the proposed consultations in Geneva on the question of South West Africa/Namibia.

I assume that the consultations with your representatives and with the Five will be exploratory and will not exclude subsequent discussions as already proposed by me, between UNTAG military personnel and South African military authorities, to elucidate certain practical issues and to give the UNTAG military personnel an opportunity of acquainting themselves with the situation in the Territory.

The South African Government must, however, insist that the leaders of the democratic parties in South West Africa/Namibia be invited in their own right to present their views. I must again reiterate that their views are of the utmost importance. Furthermore, as Your Excellency knows, and as was indicated in my letter of 7 November 1979 (S/13611), these leaders were present when similar discussions were held in New York during March 1979. Subject to Your Excellency's positive response the South African Government will be prepared to send a delegation to Geneva.

R. F. BOTHA
Minister of Foreign Affairs
