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LETTER DATED 25 JULY FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In connexion with the letter dated 23 July 1963 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Spain addressed to the President of the Security Council (document S/5369 of 24 July 1963), I deem it necessary to point out the following.

In his statement in the Security Council on 23 July 1963, the Soviet representative said as follows:

"Of late, reports have begun to be received concerning the employment of Spanish fascist soldiers in Africa for the purpose of crushing the national liberation movement in the colonies ... Specifically, the newspaper Le Monde reported on 1 March that, according to a release issued by the Committee to Aid Angola and the Peoples of the Portuguese Colonies, Spaniards had been found among soldiers killed while taking part in a punitive expedition in Portuguese Guinea."

It will be noted that in his statement the Soviet representative was citing a report published in the well-known French newspaper Le Monde on 1 March 1963. Mr. de Pinies should therefore address himself to that newspaper, which was the source of the information in question.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) V. SOLODOVNIKOV
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of the USSR to the United Nations

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