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TO IMMEDIATE LUANDA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 337 OF 29 SEPTEMBER
AND TO PRIORITY DAR ES SALAAM, MAPUTO, LUSAKA, GABORONE,
LAGOS, ADDIS ABABA, ALGIERS, HAVANA.
INFO PRIORITY PARIS, BONN, OTTAWA, WASHINGTON, PRETORIA, UKMIS
NEW YORK, ROME.
SWAPO BREAK-IN

1. IN YOUR TELNO 454 (NOT TO ALL) YOU ASKED WHAT WE COULD TELL SWAPO ABOUT THE BREAK-IN AT THEIR OFFICES IN LONDON ON THE NIGHT OF 31 AUGUST. THE FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR YOU AND OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS TO USE IN ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

BACKGROUND (MAY BE USED FREELY)

2. THE LONDON OFFICES OF SWAPO WERE BROKEN INTO ON 31 AUGUST, AND A NUMBER OF FINANCIAL AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN. A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY WAS ALSO STOLEN, BUT OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS AN EXPENSIVE RADIO WERE LEFT BEHIND. SWAPO CONCLUDED THAT THE MOTIVE FOR THE BREAK-IN WAS POLITICAL. THIS WAS FULLY REPORTED IN THE BRITISH PRESS (EG THE OBSERVER OF 5 SEPTEMBER). EARLIER ON 14 MARCH THE ANC OFFICE IN LONDON WAS BOMBED.
3. ON 23 SEPTEMBER TWO MEN, MR PETER CASTLETON AND MR BERTIL WEDIN, WERE CHARGED WITH OFFENCES ARISING FROM BURGLARY AT THE

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LONDON OFFICES OF THE AMC AND SWAPO IN RECENT MONTHS. THEY WERE BOTH REMANDED PENDING TRIAL. A WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF A THIRD, MR EDWARD ASPINALL. THEY WILL PROBABLY NOT GO TO TRIAL FOR SOME MONTHS.

LINE TO TAKE

4. YOU SHOULD DRAW AS NECESSARY ON PARAS 2-3 ABOVE. YOU SHOULD EMPHASISE THAT THE MATTER REMAINS SUB JUDICE AND THAT YOU CANNOT COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CASE. IF IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE CASE IS NOT BEING PURSUED SERIOUSLY, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM SUCH MATTERS ARE ENTIRELY WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES AND THE POLICE. THERE HAS BEEN NO POLITICAL INTERVENTION.

5. IF ASKED WHETHER WE HAVE TAKEN THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO TASK OVER THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH THESE INCIDENTS, YOU SHOULD REPEAT THAT THE MATTER IS SUB JUDICE AND THAT YOU CAN MAKE NO COMMENT WHICH MIGHT PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIAL. (STRICTLY FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION ONLY-: SIR JOHN LEAHY CALLED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR ON 27 SEPTEMBER TO PROTEST AT INADMISSIBLE BEHAVIOUR BY A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY STAFF, JOSEF KLUE. SINCE THE POLICE HAVE INCONVERTIBLE EVIDENCE LINKING KLUE TO THESE MEN AND THE BURGLARIES. NEWS DEPT WILL CONFIRM, IF ASKED, THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS BUT WE SHOULD PREFER NOT TO RELEASE THIS INFORMATION VIA SWAPO.)

6. IF ASKED ABOUT THE PROTECTION GIVEN TO THE SWAPO OFFICE IN LONDON, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT SWAPO DO NOT (NOT) ENJOY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY HERE, BUT THAT THE POLICE PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THEIR PREMISES AND TO ANY INDICATIONS THAT MAY BE RECEIVED OF SPECIFIC THREATS TO THEM. THE FACT THAT MEN HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BURGLARY AT SWAPO OFFICE IS EVIDENCE OF POLICE VIGILANCE. IN ADDITION, VISITING SWAPO LEADERS LIKE MR NUJOMA RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL POLICE PROTECTION.

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