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PP DAR ES SALAAM PP LUSAKA PP GABORONE PP LAGOS PP ADDIS ABABA PP HAVANA PP PRETORIA PP ROME GRS 432 CONFIDENTIAL DESKBY 3008302 FM FCO 291000Z SEPTEMBER 32 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.

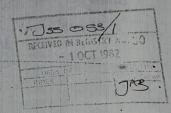
1. IN YOUR TELNO 464 (NOT TO ALL) YOU ASKED WHAT WE COULD TELL SWAPO ABOUT THE BREAK-IN AT THEIR OFFICES IN LONDON ON THE NIGHT OF 3L AUGUST. THE FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR YOU AND OTHER ADDRESSES POSTS TO USE IN ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

BACKGROUND (MAY BE USED FREELY)

SWAPO BREAK-IN

- 2. THE LONDON OFFICES OF SWAPO WERE BROKEN INTO ON 3L AUGUST, AND A NUMBER OF FINANCIAL AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN. A SMALL AMOUNT OF MOVEY 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 ANC AND SWAPO IN RECENT MONTHS. THEY MERE SOTH REMAYIDED PENDING TRIAL. A WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF A THIRD. HR BOWARD ASPINALL. THEY WILL PROBABLY NOT GO FO TRIAL FOR SOME MONTHS.

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 KINDOM SUCH MATTERS ARE ENTIRELY WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES AND THE POLICE. THERE HAS BEEN NO POLITICAL INTERMENTION.

5. IF ASKED MHETHER 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 INCONTROVERTIBLE EVIDENCE LINKING KLUE TO THISE 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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