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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Robert Hughes

In your telegram of 9 December you referred to the attack by South African forces on Maseru, the capital of Lesotho. I have also seen the Questions which you put to the Lord President in the House yesterday.

The Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Mr. Cranley Onslow) summoned the South African Ambassador yesterday to express Her Majesty's Government's strong views about this violation of the sovereignty of Lesotho. We condemn it and we deeply regret the tragic loss of life.

*Yours sincerely
Robert Hughes*

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