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MY 2ND PT: MESSAGE TO UPPER VOLTA HEAD OF STATE FROM PRIME MINISTER

THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT THE VISIT TO BRITAIN BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER, MR P W BOTHA. I AM CONCERNED TO DISPEL ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THIS.

OUR INVITATION WAS ISSUED AFTER THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND SIGNALS NO ALTERATION IN OUR POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. LIKE YOU, WE WISH TO SEE CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY AND FIRMLY OPPOSED THE RACIAL POLICIES THERE. WE HAVE MADE EQUALLY CLEAR OUR CONDEMNATION OF THE USE OF VIOLENCE IN THE REGION FROM ANY QUARTER.

MR BOTHA'S VISIT WAS AN OCCASION FOR CANDID AND WIDE-RANGING TALKS WHICH PROVIDED A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AT THIS HIGH LEVEL OUR VIEWS AND PERCEPTIONS ON THE MAJOR ISSUES CONCERNING SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE DISCUSSIONS COVERED THE PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA AS WELL AS OTHER REGIONAL ISSUES AND MANY ASPECTS OF APARTHEID AND THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. ON NAMIBIA WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE EARLY INDEPENDENCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PLAN FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE.

I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ONLY THROUGH DIALOGUE THAT WE CAN HOPE TO INFLUENCE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICIES. WE SEE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MR BOTHA AS PART OF THE PROCESS THROUGH WHICH WE AND OTHER WESTERN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES MUST CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE SORT OF CHANGE WE ALL WANT TO SEE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ENDS.

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