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DESKBY BOTH ADDRESSEES 1430Z
FM GABORONE 181345Z JUNE 1985
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 123 OF 18 JUNE 1985
AND TO IMMEDIATE CAPETOWN

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SOUTH AFRICAN RAID

1. BOTSWANA HAS GIVEN US A LIST OF THE DEAD WITH THE INDICATION, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THAT ONE OF THEM, BASI AMOS ZONDI, HOLDS A BRITISH PASSPORT. HE WAS NOT REGISTERED WITH US BUT WE HAD ISSUED A PASSPORT TO HIM AS A BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZEN (BOC) IN REPLACEMENT OF ONE ISSUED IN LUSAKA WHICH HE HAD LOST.
2. HIS CLAIM TO CITIZENSHIP IS THAT HE REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 6(H) OF THE BNA 1984 IN SWAZILAND UNDER A SPECIAL NATIONALITY PROVISION WHEN SOUTH AFRICA LEFT THE COMMONWEALTH IN 1962. AT THAT TIME HE AS A BS:CUKC AND IN THE NEW ACT HE BECAME A BOC.
3. HE WAS BORN IN CAPE PROVINCE ABOUT 64 YEARS AGO. HE IS SAID TO HAVE LEFT THE CAPE FOR ZAMBIA IN THE EARLY 1950S. WHILST THERE HE MARRIED AND DIVORCED A THANDIE RANKOE WHO IS SAID TO BE A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE ANC AND WHO NOW ALSO LIVES IN BOTSWANA. HE DID NOT (NOT) REMARRY AND WE KNOW OF NO CLOSE KIN.
4. WE DO NOT (NOT) KNOW THE INS AND OUTS OF THE LATEST SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALITY LEGISLATION BUT NTD MAY BE ABLE TO SAY WHETHER HE IS ALSO A CITIZEN OF SOUTH AFRICA.
5. HE WAS NOT (NOT) OFFICIALLY A SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE, AS PREVIOUSLY STATED. HE WAS HERE AS AN IMMIGRANT ON A BRITISH PASSPORT. WE DO NOT (NOT) KNOW OF ANY ANC CONNECTION BUT HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO MAKE MANY ENQUIRIES.
6. MR ZONDI WAS THE ONE WHO LIVED NEXT DOOR TO ONE OF THE HOUSES THAT WERE BLOWN UP. HE WAS SHOT WHEN HE RAN OUT INTO THE STREET. HE WAS NOT ONE OF THE S A TARGETS.

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