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FM PRETORIA 181415Z MAR 81

TO IMMEDIATE MODUK

TELEGRAM NUMBER SIC U2J 885 OF 18 MARCH

INFO IMMEDIATE FCO, UKMIS NEW YORK AND LUANDA

INFO SAVING LUSAKA, GABORONE, SALISBURY, DAR ES SALAAM, MAPUTO  
AND LAGOS

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SADF RAID INTO ANGOLA.

1. SADF HAVE JUST ADMITTED TO A DEEP STRIKE INTO ANGOLA IN THE VICINITY OF LUBANGO (FORMERLY SA DA BANDEIRA (1455S 1330E) YESTERDAY 17 MAR 81. THE STRIKE WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN AGAINST A TRAINING CAMP. THE ANNOUNCEMENT SPECIFICALLY STATED IT WAS NOT AIMED AT THE RAIL LINK.

2. NO DETAILS ARE GIVEN BUT THE FACT THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE AND THAT ALL SADF ELEMENTS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE RETURNED SAFELY TO SWA/NAMIBIA IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT GROUND TROOPS WERE USED.

3. GENERAL VILJOEN, CHIEF OF THE SADF, IN WHOSE NAME THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE SAID THAT THE ATTACK FOLLOWED "MURDERS AND DEEDS OF TERROR PERPETRATED AGAINST INNOCENT INHABITANTS OF SWA/NAMIBIA" AND THAT "THE RSA HAD REPEATEDLY WARNED THAT ALL TERRORIST BASES WOULD BE LOCATED AND ATTACKED, EVEN IF IT SHOULD BE IN A NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY. THESE COUNTRIES SHOULD THEREFORE EXPECT SUCH ACTION".

FCO PASS SAVING ADDRESSEES.

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