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INFO IMMEDIATE BONN PARIS WASHINGTON OTTAWA LUANDA UKMIS NEW YORK

PRIORITY LUSAKA SALISBURY GABORONE MAPUTO DAR ES SALAAM LAGOS

YOUR TELNO 148 : SOUTH AFRICA/ANGOLA

1. NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE RECORD AT 1130Z TODAY:

'WE CANNOT CONFIRM PRECISE DETAILS OF REPORTS OF THE FIGHTING IN ANGOLA. BUT IT IS EVIDENT THAT MILITARY ACTIVITIES HAVE ESCALATED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN

A SUBSTANTIAL SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION INTO ANGOLA.

'WE HAVE REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED VIOLENCE IN THE REGION FROM WHICHEVER QUARTER IT COMES. SIR IAN GILMOUR SPOKE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR ON 7 AUGUST OF OUR CONCERN AT THE ESCALATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA. WE WHOLLY DEPLORE THE LATEST SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHICH COULD BE HIGHLY DANGEROUS FOR STABILITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE TRUST THAT THE CURRENT ACTION WILL BE TERMINATED AND SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WITHDRAWN IMMEDIATELY FROM ANGOLA.'

2. NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO CONFIRM THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR CALLED AT THE FCO THIS MORNING AND WAS INFORMED OF THE STATEMENT.

3. IF ASKED, NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL ADD THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION CAN ONLY FURTHER COMPLICATE ATTEMPTS TO SECURE A PEACEFUL

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