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FROM MARGETSON

MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PRIME MINISTER:

VISIT OF MR BOTHA

1. IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATION AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL LUNCHEON TODAY, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ASKED ME TO PASS A MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER.
2. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN WORRIED BY RECENT SIGNS THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE CASTING ABOUT FOR WAYS OF MAKING PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA OTHER THAN BY THOSE ENSHRINED IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 435. HE HAD TALKED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAD ADMITTED THAT WHILST MR BOTHA FELT BOUND BY SCR 435, HE WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE HAPPY IF SOME OTHER MEANS OF DEALING WITH NAMIBIA COULD BE FOUND. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WANTED THEREFORE TO RE-EMPHASISE TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE POINT HE HAD MADE WHEN THEY MET IN LONDON, NAMELY THAT SCR 435 WAS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE AND THAT HE HOPED THAT ALL OUR EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF THAT RESOLUTION. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING SIMILAR MESSAGES TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES WHICH MR BOTHA WOULD BE VISITING IN WESTERN EUROPE (HE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE GERMAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE) SO THAT MR BOTHA WOULD BE FACED BY AN UNITED FRONT ON THIS PARTICULAR POINT.

FCO PSE PASS SAVING TO BRUSSELS, LISBON AND BERNE.

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