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Dear Mr. Vorster,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I take pleasure in acknowledging the letter you addressed to him during his recent visit to Namibia.

In accordance with your request, I am pleased to enclose a signed envelope for your collection.

Yours sincerely,

Florence Pomés
Second Officer

Mr. Paul Vorster
P. O. Box 1567
Windhoek
9000

Handed to SG's party 8-9
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25 August 1983

HIS EXCELLENCY
Javier Perez de Cuellar
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS
Hotel Kalahari Sands
WINDHOEK

Your Excellency

Please consider to honour me as a stamp collector with your signature on the attached envelopes accompanied by your title and date of visit.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest appreciation.



PAUL P VORSTER
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United Nations, New York

SG Statement.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S STATEMENT TO PRESS BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM NAMIBIA

(Received from the Spokesman for the Secretary-General.)

WINDHOEK, Namibia, 26 August -- The following is a statement made by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to the press before his departure from Windhoek:

I came to southern Africa at very short notice and, due to other extremely pressing obligations and the 31 August deadline for my report on Namibia to the Security Council, my time here has had inevitably to be brief. I am the first to regret this. However, on my part, I have found immensely useful and informative my meetings with the political parties who were good enough to meet with me. They have given me in our all too short meeting a picture of the wishes, the fears and the aspirations of the people of Namibia which I could not possibly have had without meeting them.

Let me say that I am more than ever convinced of the urgency of achieving peace and the independence of Namibia through the United Nations settlement plan. I was glad to note that the overwhelming majority of the parties agree with me on this.

I was also deeply moved by the accounts I received of the present great difficulties and hardships Namibia is now experiencing, especially due to the devastating effects of the drought. This grave humanitarian problem merits the most serious attention.

My visit here has greatly reinforced my determination to do all that I can to secure the objective of a peaceful, prosperous, independent and united Namibia through the speedy implementation of the United Nations plan for a settlement.

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Around the World

U.N. Chief Offers Help At Talks on Angola

Special to The New York Times

WINDHOEK, South-West Africa, Aug. 28 — The Secretary General of the United Nations offered today to play a role in negotiations on Angola and the Cuban troops there, but insisted that the Angolan issue was separate from the independence of South-West Africa.

"It would be most unfair to make the independence of Namibia depend on issues which are completely extraneous to the problem itself," the Secretary General, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, said at the end of his two-day visit here.

"I hate the idea of linking the two things," he said, but added that he was ready to take up the Angolan question "in a completely different effort but a kind of parallel effort" to the negotiations for the independence of Namibia, as South-West Africa is also known.

As a result of an understanding reached between South Africa and the United States two years ago the withdrawal of an estimated 23,000 Cuban troops from Angola has become a prerequisite for independence for Namibia under a United Nations plan that South Africa accepted in 1978.

The Secretary General said he was assured in Cape Town that the Cuban issue was the only obstacle holding up the transition to independence here.

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THE WASHINGTON POST

Namibian Ally Of South Africa Snubs U.N. Chief

By Allister Sparks
Special to The Washington Post

WINDHOEK, Namibia, Aug. 25—Within a day of South Africa's announcement that nearly all issues holding up a Namibian settlement had been resolved in talks with U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, the main political group Pretoria backs in the disputed territory sought to revive one of them.

Dirk Mudge, chairman of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, an association of 11 ethnically based parties, announced that his group still regards the United Nations as biased in favor of the black nationalist South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) and will not participate in pre-independence elections unless the international organization demonstrates its impartiality.

The alliance thus repeated a threat it made at a conference in Geneva in 1980, after initiatives led by the Carter administration appeared to have brought the Namibian issue close to agreement.

The objection was based on General Assembly resolutions recognizing SWAPO as "the sole authentic voice of the people of Namibia." South Africa, which had not raised the question of U.N. impartiality in the negotiations until then, backed Mudge and the settlement prospects collapsed.

The negotiations were resumed by the Reagan administration and have gradually advanced again. They appeared to have reached a point one step away from agreement after two days of talks between South African officials and Perez de Cuellar. South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha announced that all outstanding issues had been resolved, except for the South African—and U.S.—insistence that Cuban troops must first leave neighboring Angola. Botha specified that the question of impartiality was "no longer an issue."

Nico Bessinger, spokesman for a group of internally based SWAPO leaders, acknowledged that the talks had achieved useful progress and said there were no obstructions to a settlement as far as the nationalist movement was concerned.

Perez de Cuellar, in an effort to demonstrate impartiality, risked controversy by allowing his South African hosts to fly him to the war zone of



Javier Perez de Cuellar sought out Namibian parties.

northern Namibia. He returned to Windhoek today to begin a public show of trying to see the leaders of all the main internal political parties.

This is no easy task. Although Namibia has a population of fewer than 1 million, it has more than 40 political parties—of which 17, counting the alliance as one, can be regarded as having some substance. Perez de Cuellar's aides calculated that he could spare only 15 minutes for each party. The Democratic Alliance chose to interpret the short notice and brief time allocation as evidence of continuing U.N. bias and its leaders refused to see Perez de Cuellar.

"I am sure Sam Nujoma [the exiled SWAPO leader whom Perez de Cuellar is to meet in Luanda, Angola, Friday] was given notice weeks ago and will have all the time he wants," Mudge told a press conference.

Confirming that the alliance still regarded the impartiality issue as alive, Mudge said his parties would not participate in elections that are not free and fair, and they cannot be fair "if the umpire has recognized one of the teams as the winner in advance."

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SECRETARY-GENERAL LEAVES WINDHOEK

(Received from the Spokesman for the Secretary-General.)

WINDHOEK, Namibia, 26 August -- Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar left Windhoek this morning for Luanda on the last leg of his mission to southern Africa.

Before leaving, the Secretary-General received four more leaders of the Namibian internal parties.

He received J. Garobb, leader of the Damara Council; Captain Jgadiergaardt of the Liberation Front, the President of the Council of Churches in Namibia, the Right Rev. James H. Kauluma; and H. Mootzeng, leader of the Ipeleng Democratic Party.

In all the Secretary-General has met with the leaders of 14 Namibian internal parties.

Before leaving Windhoek, the Secretary-General made a statement to the press. (See Press Release SG/SM/3457.)

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FOR SECEEN ON ARRIVAL WITH COPIES TO MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CABLE SENT TO PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL ON 26 AUGUST 1983 BY MR. K. RIRUAKO, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALL ALLIANCE:

QUOTE:

IN EXECUTION OF THE MANDATE CONFERRED UPON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UN BY RES/532 (1983) OF 31ST MAY 1983, HE HAS VISITED OUR COUNTRY NAMIBIA ON THE 25TH AND 26TH AUGUST 1983.

AS DEMOCRATS WE, DTA OF NAMIBIA, HOLD THE VIEW THAT IN TERMS OF ITS CHARTER IT IS THE SOLEMN DUTY OF THE UN TO AFFORD EQUAL STATUS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PARTIES. IT IS WITH REGRET THAT WE HAVE NOTED THAT THE SO-CALLED SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION HAS ONCE AGAIN RECEIVED PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY GRANTING THEM TWO DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS IN LUANDA, WHILST NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PARTIES WERE ONLY PERMITTED FIFTEEN MINUTES EACH THROUGH THE OFFICES OF THE

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SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL FOR NAMIBIA.

OUR REASONS FOR THE REJECTION OF THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS ARE CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY DTA OF NAMIBIA HANDED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, OF WHICH A COPY WAS AIRMAILED TO YOUR EXCELLENCY TODAY. ON THE GROUNDS OF THIS RESOLUTION WE HEREWITH WOULD LIKE TO FORMALLY REQUEST PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UN DURING THE SESSION TO BE HELD ON OR BEFORE 31ST AUGUST 1983, DURING WHICH IT WILL RECEIVE THE SECRETARY-GENERALS REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF HIS CONSULTATIONS.

WE TRUST, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THAT YOU HAVE THE AMBITIONS, INTERESTS AND DESIRES OF THE PEOPEE OF NAMIBIA EQUALLY AT HEART AS WE AND THAT OUR REQUEST WILL RECEIVE YOUR KIND APPROVAL.

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Mr. V. Dayal

Chef de Cabinet

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25 August 1983

SECRETARY-GENERAL MEETS WITH NAMIBIA PARTY LEADERS IN WINDHOEK

(Received from the Spokesman for the Secretary-General.)

WINDHOEK, Namibia, 25 August -- Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived here at 1 p.m. today, following a short visit to the northern part of the Territory.

After arriving in Windhoek from Cape Town yesterday (24 August), the Secretary-General flew to Okakwejo, where he spent the night. This morning, under the guidance of the Administrator-General of Namibia, Willie A. van Niekerk, the Secretary-General visited the hydro-electric plant of Ruacana.

Upon his return to Windhoek this morning, the Secretary-General, in a statement to the press at the airport, expressed his "personal satisfaction as Secretary-General of the United Nations to be here at the capital of Namibia to familiarize myself with the situation in this country and to see whether in some way we can together accelerate the process of implementation of the United Nations plan".

The Secretary-General immediately began receiving leaders of Namibia's internal political parties. He first received A. Shipanga, leader of the SWAPO-Democrat, and then J.W.F. Pretorius, leader of the national party of South-West Africa. Throughout the afternoon the Secretary-General is scheduled to receive other party leaders who have requested to see him.

In the evening, he will give a reception for the leaders of the political parties and later attend an informal dinner at the home of Administrator-General van Niekerk.

Tomorrow morning, 26 August, the Secretary-General will resume his meeting with the leaders of the internal parties before leaving Windhoek at 11 a.m. for Luanda.

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