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Dear Bryan,

Call by the UN Secretary-General:
Namibia

I enclose a revised brief on Namibia which has been prepared for Lord Carrington's talk with Dr Waldheim this afternoon.

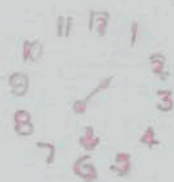
*Yours ever,
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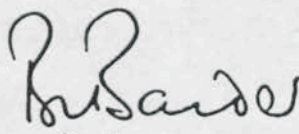


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VISIT OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL: NAMIBIA: SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEF
FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

1. I submit a supplementary brief for the Secretary of State,
to be read with the brief which I submitted to Mr Williams
on 9 July.
2. I suggest that the same briefs might serve for Mr Luce's
discussion tomorrow with Mr Ahtisaari.



B L Barder
Southern African Department

12 July 1979

cc:

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PS/Mr Hurd

PS/Mr Luce

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Sir A Duff

Sir A Parsons

Mr Williams

Sir J Murray

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VISIT BY THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, 12 JULY

SUPPLEMENTARY BRIEF

NAMIBIA

POINTS TO MAKE

1. We have not yet sent a message to the South Africans about the appointment of Sir James Murray as the Five's envoy. Until we have done so, and the South Africans have replied, we cannot make any public announcement.
2. Meanwhile we should be grateful if the information about Sir J Murray and the Five's intentions could be kept strictly confidential.

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ESSENTIAL FACTS

1. The Five have agreed, through the New York Contact Group, on Sir J Murray's brief for the talks with the South Africans. This concentrates on the issues of bases and monitoring, but allows room for discussion of other matters such as how to restore South African and Western confidence. No final decisions have been taken so far on timing. The Contact Group have drafted a message to go to the South Africans and a public announcement to be made when the South Africans have replied, but these have not yet been approved by the Five.

Not to be Revealed

2. The Americans have now proposed that the message about Sir J Murray to the South Africans should be delayed until their current secret talks with the Angolans have finished (possibly at the weekend or early next week) and their outcome has been considered by the Five. They think that these talks, being conducted in Luanda by Ambassador McHenry, may require a change in the instructions for Sir J Murray; they do not want Sir J Murray's mission to be announced while they are still talking to the Angolans, for fear of prejudicing those talks; and they fear that the South Africans may make harmful use of the information once a message is sent.

3. We are pressing the Americans not to insist on such a long delay. We think they should tell the Angolans now about Sir J Murray, and let the message go to the South Africans by this weekend. The South Africans already have wind of Sir J Murray's appointment and we have told members of both Dr Waldheim's staff and Mr Ahtisaari's. We accept that

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Sir J Murray should not go to New York until the message has gone to the South Africans, but we do not wish to defer his move to New York until after his own mission has been publicly announced.

4. An additional complication is that Dr Waldheim and Mr Ahtisaari are going to Luanda at the weekend to talk to the Angolans. They may well hear about the secret talks between the Americans and the Angolans. If so, this news might leak and come to the ears of the South Africans. They will become very suspicious if they think the Five are plotting something with Angola before the next round of talks with the South Africans.

5. It is essential that nothing should be said to Dr Waldheim or Mr Ahtisaari, or to any member of their staff, about the American talks with the Angolans. The Americans attach the utmost importance to secrecy.

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