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Summary:

Cable states that the US is broadening its embargo on South African arms deals to make it more extensive than the UN embargo.

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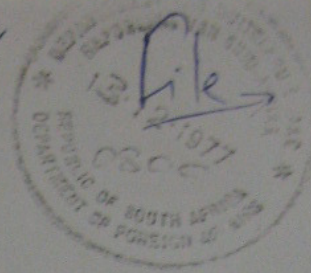
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1. IN NOTE VERBALE DATED 8 DECEMBER 1977 PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF USA INFORMS SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT UNITED STATES "INTENDS TO COMPLY FULLY" WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 418 "IN ALL ITS PARTS".

2. SECOND PARAGRAPH OF NOTE READS AS FOLLOWS:

"SINCE 1963, THE UNITED STATES HAS MAINTAINED A VOLUNTARY ARMS EMBARGO ON ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA. IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 418(1977), THE TERMS OF THIS EMBARGO HAVE BEEN BROADENED TO INCLUDE SPARE PARTS FOR EQUIPMENT SOLD PRIOR TO 1963. IN ADDITION, AS SECRETARY VANCE ANNOUNCED ON 2 NOVEMBER, THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO GO BEYOND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION BY PLACING AN EMBARGO ON THE SALE OF ALL ITEMS DESTINED FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY OF POLICE TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE ARE NO LICENSING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN UNITED STATES COMPANIES AND SOUTH AFRICA COVERING UNITED STATES COMMODITIES OR TECHNICAL DATA FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS IN THAT COUNTRY. NATURALLY, NO SUCH LICENCES WOULD BE APPROVED IN THE FUTURE SHOULD THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FROM A UNITED STATES FIRM. AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE, COPIES OF THE APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVES IMPLEMENTING THESE DECISIONS WILL BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL."

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