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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary-General

Date: 8 April 1960

FROM: H. A. Wieschhoff

FILE NO.: _____

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

SUBJECT: South Africa: Confidential reports of U.S. Mission

On your request, Mr. Bartlett of the U.S. Mission visited me yesterday, to convey, for your information, the content of three cables which had been received from the U.S. Embassy in the Union of South Africa:

1. A survey undertaken by a "responsible" (not official) person has revealed that some ministers of the Government were greatly concerned when the South African item was placed on the agenda of the Security Council, because, probably on account of their ignorance, they expected "real" U.N. intervention in South Africa. The adoption by the Security Council of a "mild" resolution came as a relief, leaving the same ministers with the impression that they need not fear any real difficulty from U.N. side and that the old policies could be pursued without serious consequences from abroad.
2. An "objective" unofficial examination of the Sharpeville events alleges that the primary reason for the bloody incidents was the inaptitude of the police which had had no training for the handling of mass demonstrations and of civil disturbances. The police was equipped with arms, but not with tear gas.
3. An indication by Mr. Louw that the government planned to retain pass laws, but that a "simplified" pass book would probably be substituted for the present one.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary-General

Date: 18 April 1960

FROM: H. A. Wieschhoff

FILE NO.: _____

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

SUBJECT: South Africa

Yesterday I met Mr. Fourie socially. He told me that Mr. Louw's letter of 16 April 1960 to you had not been changed substantially as a result of the alterations which had been cabled to him. He was emphatic in stating that the letter in its final form was not a result of U.K. intervention in Capetown. He added that neither Mr. Louw nor Mr. Verwoerd were easily persuaded by U.K. interventions.

Mr. Fourie also expressed the opinion that the Union government regarded as more or less legitimate your concern with the situation which had resulted from the recent disturbances, but not with the racial policies and laws of the Union.

The Secretary-General

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H. A. Wieschhoff

South Africa

Following his conversation with you to-day (3.15 p.m.) Mr. Fourie has sent the following cable to his government:

1. Secretary-General agrees no foundation Argus report [about tug-of-war between Secretary-General and Union regarding subject matter of discussion with Union] and sees no objection Minister stating that other than facts already published press reports pure speculation.
2. Secretary-General further agrees that premature at this stage to map out details South Africa discussions. After all purpose of London preliminary meeting exactly to find out how to proceed further.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary-General

Date: 3 June 1960 195__

FROM: H.A. Wieschhoff *hw*

FILE NO.: _____

SENDER'S TELEPHONE EXTENSION: _____

SUBJECT: South Africa

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1. Mr. Fourie visited me yesterday for the purpose of ascertaining your wishes concerning your visit to South Africa. The tentative scheduled appended hereto might serve as a basis for your decision.

2. Mr. Fourie told me that he "felt" that the "Protector" plan was entertained seriously by his government. There would obviously be some difficulty concerning the "link" to the Secretary-General, but he was rather certain that it would be established, if the right formulation could be found.

3. He told me that in his long association with Mr. Louw, he had never seen him as quiet and conciliatory as during the two-day meetings with you. He again expressed his admiration for your presentation of the racial question.

Wierschelt .

What are your own
views on this program?

H.

The Secretary General

This schedule seems to
allright in principle, subject to
adjustments which can only be
made on the spot

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Tentative Schedule for the Visit of the Secretary-General
to South Africa

<u>Days</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1-3	Pretoria	Discussion with Government.
4	Johannesburg	Visit urban settlements of Africans. Discussions with representative Africans. Possible visit to mining compounds.
5 6	Capetown	Schedule would include travel to Capetown. Visit urban settlements of "Coloured" people. Discussion with representatives of "Cape Coloureds" and Africans.
7	Transkei (Umtata)	Since the Bunga (the African Council for the Transkei) is not likely to be in session, discussions with African leaders.
8	Durban	Visit of African and Indian townships. Discussion with representatives of Africans and Indians.
9	Return to Pretoria	
10	Pretoria	Discussion with Government.
11	Departure	