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Begins:

"According to today's press, the Indian and three Africans from the Union named below are hoping to see the Secretary-General on his arrival in London and will suggest to him that, when he visits the Union, he must insist on talking to the elected leaders of the African nationalist movements, e.g. Chief Luthuli and Sobukwe, the President of the Pan-Africanist Congress:-

Oliver Tambo, Vice-President of the African National Congress,

Dr. Dadoo, Vice-President of the South African Indian Congress,

Nelson Mahomo and Peter Molotsi, members of the National Executive of the Pan-Africanist Congress.

2. These men claim to be the senior members of their parties in South Africa who are still free, having managed to escape from the Union by various means within the last month or so.

3. As Mr. Hammarskjold may know, both the African National Congress and the Pan-Africanist Congress are now proscribed organisations in the Union. The Union Government have warrants out for the arrest of all four of the men listed."

Ends.

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