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Dear Comrade

Re: WEAPONS STOLEN FROM ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT STORES

The ANC Mission in Zambia presents its compliments to your good office and has the honour to inform on the above stated matter/issue.

On October 28th, 1993, the Zambian police shot and arrested an army officer in possession of thirty new AK assault rifles, 29 magazines and uniforms.

A number of suspects including army officers have been picked up for questioning in connection with this incident. According to local papers the weapons were stolen from old government stores in Emmasdale, Lusaka. Our reliable source close to the army believe that these weapons were destined for South Africa with purpose of fanning violence. This was further corroborated by a local journalist who indicated to us that there is an international syndicate involved in this incident but declined to give details claiming that the police are still following some leads.

At any rate, we suspect that these weapons belong to us and that they are part of the consignment our ordinance department submitted to the government through Liberation Centre for safe-keeping.

You will recall that there was once a breakin which was reported late 1992 at the Army National Stores in Kafue where undisclosed number of weapons were reported stolen including a pistol-machine gun that was given to Comrade Nelson Mandela by President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda.

The government is still quiet about the whole matter, while they have never even informed us about the outcome of the first incident. On the whole, we are still gathering more information and you will be updated in due course.

Best Regards

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