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(United Nations Documents)**

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## **Private Accession A. 1028 Carpio Visit (United Nations Documents)**

### **Introduction**

#### **Provenance**

These documents were found bound together in a screw cover among unregistered material in the National Archives in 2013. The collection was apparently originating from some government office within the South African colonial Administration of South West Africa. It can be assumed that these documents had been transmitted by the South African permanent representative at the United Nations. As the originating office could not be established, it was decided to accession the documents among the Private Accessions.

#### **Contents**

The collection consists of UN documents before and after the UN delegation visit to Namibia headed by Vittorio Carpio in May 1962, and includes the official report of the visit, as well as the report of the Special Committee for South West Africa with appendices detailing the controversy after the visit. It comprises of 14 documents in one box.

The Carpio visit was, despite the obvious personal weakness of the delegation and the awkward circumstances accompanying it,<sup>1</sup> an important rallying point for the liberation movement to present its case inside Namibia to an international audience. The South African government did not succeed to present the delegation only with handpicked collaborationist chiefs, as they had intended. These are therefore very important papers in the history of the liberation struggle.

#### **Preservation issues**

All documents are on very brittle acidic paper and should be handled with utmost care. The screw cover was removed to prevent extreme bending of the paper during consultation. Photocopying is strictly prohibited for preservation reasons; an electronic copy will be prepared.

*W. Hillebrecht, November 2013*

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<sup>1</sup> The South African government issued a purported “joint communiqué” with the delegation favourable to its point of view, which was later repudiated by Carpio, claiming that was drugged when he signed it. The incident was widely publicised in the South African media, ridiculing Carpio with the intention to undermine the credibility of the United Nations.

## Listing

United Nations. Committee on South West Africa

No.	Title	UN doc. number
1	United Nations. Report of the Committee on South West Africa [1961] (85, 2 p.)	A/4957 8 November 1961

**United Nations. General Assembly, 16th session. Fourth Committee**

No.	Title	UN doc. number
2	Provisional summary of the 1239th meeting [...] 6 December 1961 (6 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1239 8 December 1961
3	Provisional summary of the 1240th meeting [...] 7 December 1961 (20 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1240 11 December 1961
4	Provisional summary of the 1241st meeting [...] 7 December 1961 (20 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1241 9 December 1961
5	Provisional summary of the 1242nd meeting [...] 8 December 1961 (13 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1242 11 December 1961
6	Provisional summary of the 1243rd meeting [...] 11 December 1961 (4 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1243 13 December 1961
7	Provisional summary of the 1244th meeting [...] 11 December 1961 (18 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1244 14 December 1961
8	Provisional summary of the 1245th meeting [...] 12 December 1961 (13 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1245 14 December 1961
9	Provisional summary of the 1246th meeting [...] 12 December 1961 (17 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1246 16 December 1961
10	Provisional summary of the 1247th meeting [...] 13 December 1961 (18 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1247 15 December 1961
11	Provisional summary of the 1248th meeting [...] 13 December 1961 (9 p.)	A/C.4/SR.1248 16 December 1961

**United Nations. General Assembly, 17th session. Report of the Special Committee for South West Africa**

No.	Title	UN doc. number
12	<p>Report (47 p. + annexes).  <u>Contains main report and the annexes:</u>            I. General Assembly Resolution 1702(XVI) of 19 December 1961            II. Communiqué dated 2 July 1962            III. Text of telegrams transmitted to the Governments of the Philippines and Mexico            IV. Letter dated 16 June 1962 from the Chairman of the Special Committee for South West Africa [Victoria D. Carpio] to the Undersecretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories            V. Letter dated 16 July 1962 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations [Luis Padilla Nervo] to the Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories            VI. Letter dated 16 June 1962 from the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee for South West Africa [Salvador Martinez de Alva] to the Undersecretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories            VII. Letter dated 17 July 1962 from the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee for South West Africa [Salvador Martinez de Alva] to the Undersecretary for Trusteeship and Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories            VIII. Letter dated 27 July 1962 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee for South West Africa            IX. Statements by the Chairman of the Special Committee for South West Africa at the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on 3 August 1962            X. Statements by the Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee for South West Africa at the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on 2 and 3 August 1962  <i>[Annex XI was published separately, see Document 14.]</i>  <i>[Annex XII was published separately and is not contained in this Accession. A copy is available in the Archives Library under BB/0991 and electronically as ELFI-0130.]</i>            XIII. Draft resolution concerning petitions and communications relating to the Territory of South West Africa  <i>[Annex XIV was published separately, see Document 13.]</i></p>	<p>A/5212            14 September 1962</p>
13	<p>Annex XIV. Map showing the itinerary of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee in South West Africa (1 p. + 1 map)</p>	<p>A/5212/Add.3            19 September 1962</p>
14	<p>Annex XI. Record of the hearings held by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in South West Africa (80 p.) Contains:            A. Meeting with the Advisory Board of the Rehoboth Community, Rehoboth, 9 May 1962. Paragraph 1 - 12.            B. Hearings of individuals in Rehoboth. Paragraph 13 - 15.            C. Meeting with Paramount Chief David Goraseb, Headmen and other Damaras at the Okombahe Native Reserve, 10 May 1962. Paragraph 16 - 22.            D. Meeting with Headmen and residents of Sessfontein Native Reserve, 10 May 1962. Paragraph 23 - 38. (a) Case of Mbiriora Kausana. Paragraph 32 - 38.            E. Meeting with Hereros in the Kaokoveld Native Reserve, 10 May 1962. Paragraph 39 - 55            F. Meeting with the Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, Ohopoho, Kaokoveld, 10 May 1962. Paragraph 56</p>	<p>A/5212/Add.1            20 September 1962</p>

<p>G. Meeting with Professor J.P. Bruwer of Stellenbosch University at Ondangua, Ovamboland, 11 May 1962. Paragraph 57 - 58</p> <p>H. Meeting with the Reverend Leonard Auala, Leader of the Ovambo Okavango Lutheran Church, Ondangua, Ovamboland, 11 May 1962. Paragraph 59 - 60</p> <p>I. Meetings with Chiefs and Headmen, Ondangua, Ovamboland, 11 May 1962. Paragraph 61 - 77(a) Meeting with the Chief of the Ongandjera and Headmen of the Ondangua, Ombalantu, Okuambi peoples. Paragraph 62 - 65. (b) Meeting with Headmen, Sub-Headmen, and Tribal Secretary of the Ukuanyama People. Paragraph 66 - 77.</p> <p>J. Meeting with officers and members of the South West Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO), Ondangua, Ovamboland, 11 May 1962. Paragraph 78 - 92</p> <p>K. Meeting with Chiefs, Chieftainess and Headmen of Okavango sub-tribes, Runtu, Okavango, 14 May 1962. Paragraph 93 - 94</p> <p>L. Deputation of Hereros and a Damara from the Otjituuo Native Reserve, Grootfontein, 14 May 1962. Paragraph 95 - 103</p> <p>M. Meeting with three German residents, Tsumeb, 15 May 1962. Paragraph 104 - 111</p> <p>N. Meeting with Herero, Ovambo and Damara residents, Tsumeb, 15 May 1962. Paragraph 112 - 124</p> <p>O. Meeting with Damara and Herero residents of Okahandja and the Ovitoto Native Reserve, Okahandja, 16 May 1962. Paragraph 125 - 136</p> <p>P. Meeting with a deputation of the South West Africa National Union (SWANU), Windhoek, 16 May 1962. Paragraph 137 - 145</p> <p>Q. Meeting with Chief Hosea Kutako, the Chief's Councillors, and a deputation of the South West Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO), Windhoek, 15 May 1962. Paragraph 146 - 150</p> <p>R. Case of Mr. I.G. Nathaniel, Vice-President and Acting President-General of SWAPO. Paragraph 151 - 153</p> <p>S. Deputations from the Waterberg East Native Reserve, Windhoek, 16 May 1962. Paragraph 154 - 165</p> <p>T. Meeting with Chief Albert Motseng and a Tswana deputation from the Aminuis Native Reserve, Windhoek, 16 May 1962. Paragraph 166</p> <p>U. Meeting with a deputation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rehoboth, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 167 - 171</p> <p>V. Meeting with a deputation of Rehoboth citizens, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 172 - 177</p> <p>W. Deputation from the Coloured community of Windhoek and Walvis Bay, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 178 - 180</p> <p>X. Meeting with officers and members of the Coloured Council, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 181 - 185</p> <p>Y. Meeting with a deputation of the South West Africa Coloured Organization (SWACO), Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 186 - 187</p> <p>Z. Meeting with a deputation of the South West Africa Coloured Teachers Association, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 188 - 190</p> <p>AA. Meeting with officers of the Windhoek Chamber of Commerce and a representative of Barclay's Bank, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 191 - 192</p> <p>BB. Meeting with a Member of the Windhoek Town Council and the former Mayor, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 193 - 199</p> <p>CC. Meeting with representatives of the Afrikaans-Deutsche Kulturgemeinschaft (Sudwestafrika), Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 200 - 201</p> <p>DD. Meeting with members of the United National South West Party (UNSWP), Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 202 - 208</p> <p>EE. Meetings with various individual Europeans, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 209 - 212</p> <p>FF. Meeting with Father H. Henning, Vicar-General of the Roman Catholic Church, and Father W. Ballmeier, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph</p>	
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	<p>213 - 220</p> <p>GG. Meeting with Chief David Goraseb, his councillors and a deputation of Damaras, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 221 - 229</p> <p>HH. Second meeting with Chief Hosea Kutako, his councillors, and a deputation of Hereros and SWAPO representatives, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 230 - 250</p> <p>II. Meeting with Chief Munjuku Nguvauva and a Herero deputation from the Epukiro Native Reserve, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 251 - 262</p> <p>JJ. Meeting with a deputation of Advisory Board members and other residents of Katutura township, Windhoek, 17 May 1962. Paragraph 163 - 275</p> <p>LL. Meeting with Chief Hendrik Samuel Witbooi, Herero and Nama Headmen of the Tses and Berseba reserves and a deputation of Namas and Hereros, Keetmanshoop, 18 May 1962. Paragraph 276 - 283</p> <p>MM. Meeting with African residents of Keetmanshoop, including representatives of the South West Africa National Union (SWANU) and the South West Africa United National Independence Organization (SWAUNIO). Paragraph 284 - 291</p> <p>NN. Meeting with a deputation of SWAPO and SWAUNIO representatives and residents of Luderitz, at Keetmanshoop, 18 May 1962. Paragraph 292 - 298</p> <p>OO. Meeting with a European officer of the South West Africa Farmer's Union (SWALU), Keetmanshoop, 18 May 1962. Paragraph 299 - 300.</p>	
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