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Ministry of Defence
Parliament Street
Cape Town

30-3-1962

Sir,

I have been directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated 20th March,
1962.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten signature]
PRIVATE SECRETARY.

The Director,
S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

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SPEECH BY THE HON. THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

The Institute has read with dismay the recent speech made by the Minister of Defence.

While many African states have said that they wish to end South Africa's racial policies and have even threatened to use force, neither these threats nor the present international situation appear to warrant the government's proposed action and alarming pronouncement.

It is the duty of all citizens, both White and Non-White, to defend their country and it is the duty of the government, if rightly concerned with the security of our country, to call on all sections of the people to support it with a common loyalty and in a common defence.

But this use of an Afro-Asian threat of a "war of liberation" serves only to divide the country. It builds up in the minds of the Whites, English and Afrikaans alike, an image of their Non-White fellow citizens as enemies and, at the same time, sows in our Non-White people a deep resentment towards their White fellow citizens. A divided country is highly vulnerable to outside attack.

The present policies of our government are, we believe, the chief cause of this threat and it is by modification of policies, not by preparations for war, that the threat will be removed. It is the duty of all citizens to try to secure these changes. It is the responsibility of the government to effect them.

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