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ANNAN DENIES “BUGGING” STORY IN SOUTH AFRICAN PAPER

Nairobi, 7 February 2008—“Bugged?”, exclaimed Kofi Annan on being told of the story in a South African newspaper that was picked up by some Kenyan newspapers today. “That’s news to me.” The South African account said that Annan was “furious”, but in fact this was the first he heard of it, according to his spokesman Fred Eckhard.

Eckhard said that United Nations Security was responsible for “sweeping” Mr. Annan’s premises regularly. “Anyway,” Eckhard commented, “we have nothing to hide.”

Annan is chairing the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation dealing with post-election violence, along with former South African First Lady Graca Machel and former Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa.

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