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Prime Minister visit to Morocco, Nigeria and  
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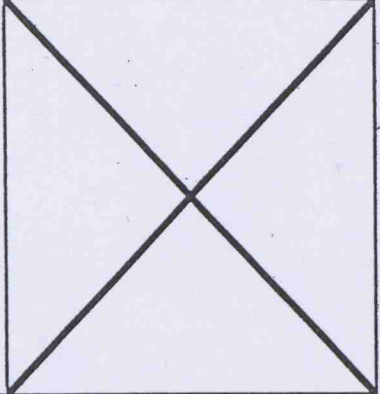
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28 July 1989

*Den Charles*

*Tom 28/7*

Letter to the Prime Minister  
from the Hon W B Deleza

/ I enclose a self-explanatory letter from the Malawian Minister of Labour thanking the Prime Minister for her letter of appreciation after her visit at East. No reply is needed.

*Yours ever*

*R N Peirce*

(R N Peirce)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
PS/10 Downing Street



MINISTER OF LABOUR  
PRIVATE BAG 344  
CAPITAL CITY  
LILONGWE 3

20th July, 1989

*Right Honourable Prime Minister,*

I have the honour to thank you, Honourable Prime Minister, for the sentiments expressed in your letter regarding the role that I was privileged to play during your recent visit to Malawi.

It was a matter of singular pleasure to all of us to join our Life President, Ngwazi Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda in extending to you, Madam, what we considered Malawi's typical African hospitality. Naturally, we are most encouraged to hear that you and your delegation enjoyed your visit with us and that you would like to return for a longer one.

It is our hope that the cordial relations which have existed between Malawi and Her Majesty's Government will continue to grow stronger for the mutual advantage of our respective peoples.

*Yours Sincerely,*

*W.B. Deleza*  
W. B. Deleza, M.P.

The Right Honourable Mrs Margret Thatcher, FRS, M.P.  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,  
10 Downing Street,  
LONDON.



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10 DOWNING STREET  
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*From the Private Secretary*

21 June 1989

Thank you for your letter of 19 June  
about the souvenir photograph album.  
I agree that you should keep the second  
one.

C. D. Powell

His Excellency Mr. J.W.R. Shakespeare,  
C.M.G., L.V.O.

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BRITISH EMBASSY  
RABAT

19 June 1989

C D Powell Esq  
Private Secretary  
to the Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON SW1

*Dear Charles*

I sent you a souvenir photograph album on the Prime Minister's visit to Morocco under cover of my letter of 27 April. Another branch of the Palais Royal have just sent me a second and slightly more elaborate album, also for passing on to the Prime Minister. Since the photographs in the latest album are identical, I propose to keep it here, unless you would like a second copy. *Map*

*Yours ever*

*John*

J W R Shakespeare

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BRITISH EMBASSY

RABAT





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The Rt. Honorable Margaret Thatcher, MP

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Thank you sincerely, on behalf of my family and myself,  
for your ~~condolence~~ message received through the UNHCR  
office in Malawi.

*Mkanda.*

Mrs K Mkanda

C/O UNHCR Branch office  
PO Box 30230  
Lilongwe 3  
Malawi.

PM TOURS : Africa. PTZ



C D Powell Esq  
No. 10



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*With the compliments of*  
**HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S  
CONSUL-GENERAL**

With my profound apologies  
to Mr. Thatcher, and  
hope that no inconvenience  
has been caused.

*Edric Worswop*

**BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL  
B.P. 13.762  
CASABLANCA  
MOROCCO**

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL  
B.P. 762  
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Sir Henry Marking KCVO CBE MC  
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The Leonard Cheshire Foundation International  
Leonard Cheshire House  
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Ref:230/1

12 May 1989

Foyer Cheshire in Marrakech

The Ambassador is currently on leave and I do not know whether you have yet replied to his letter of 31 March following the visit of Mr. Denis Thatcher to the Foyer on 27 March.

.... Since the Ambassador was not himself present on that occasion, you probably guessed that I drafted his letter to send to you. I did so in good faith (and was standing beside Mr. Thatcher when Mrs Rashid buttonholed him about raising funds for the Foyer). Hence I am somewhat distressed by the latter contents of the enclosed letter of 5 May from Angela Heimburger which I have just received (and acknowledged.) Although admittedly I thought privately that Mrs Rashid was being pushy, I had no idea that she was not directly connected with the Foyer and was in fact virtually persona non grata with them.

So I too should offer you my apologies (and even more so to Mr. Thatcher) for this misunderstanding. However, setting aside the Mrs Rashid intervention, I feel sure that the Ambassador would nonetheless be interested to know that the funding of the work of the Foyer is on a sound footing.

E R Worsnop  
H M Consul General

bcc: CD Powell Esq  
Prime Minister's Office

FRC Thomson Esq., NENAD, FCO

SRH Pease Esq., British Embassy  
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*From the Private Secretary*

11 May 1989

When the Prime Minister visited Namibia, the Duty Clerk was handed a pile of envelopes by a security officer on behalf of the Mudge family, with the request that the Prime Minister should autograph them. The Duty Clerk made no promises. I understand the official advice is that it would be wrong for the Prime Minister to sign them in the present pre-electoral situation in Namibia. I shall be grateful if our Man in Windhoek could return them to the Mudge family.

(CHARLES POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Charles

You will recall the bundle of envelopes from the Mudge family which was handed to me in Windhoek before we departed. He wanted the PM to autograph each of them. I told his 'postman' not to expect anything.

You asked me to contact our Liaison Office in Namibia for advice. I'm afraid they took an age to get back to me so in the meantime I contacted Cape Town and the FCO.

~~Now~~ Windhoek, Cape Town and the FCO all gave the same answer: the PM should not sign the envelopes. Mudge is Chairman of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance and with the politics of Southern Africa they all feel it would be wrong to run the risk of showing favouritism to one party over another. And if she signs Piennar's it might be seen as a snub to Mudge.

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Do you agree that we first write back saying  
it was not been possible to sign them.

If so, the letter should go to Mrs BLUMER  
who's envelope is the top of the pile.

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11/5/89.

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Mr. Edric Worsnop  
Consul General  
British Consulate  
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Casablanca

Marrakesh, 5th May 1989

Dear Mr. Worsnop--

Greetings from Marrakesh. I hope that the warmer, sunny spring weather has arrived in full force in Casablanca as it has here in Marrakesh just at the close of Ramadan. I am looking forward to resuming a normal work routine.

I would like to thank you for your visit with Mr. Dennis Thatcher on the 27th of March. With the flurry of activity surrounding the visit, I'm afraid we didn't have much time to converse. We at the Foyer enjoyed meeting Mr. Thatcher and his entourage. On behalf of the boys, staff and committee of the Foyer Koutoubia, I would like to thank Mr. Thatcher and the British government for their very generous gift of an infrared light for our kinestherapy room. It is a much needed and welcome donation -- one that we never would have been able to afford given our restricted budget. We are grateful to all the representatives of Great Britain for this goodwill gesture.

I would also like to apologize for the disruptive presence of Madame Rashid. She is the president of the Fédération Royale des Sports pour les Personnes Handicapées and is in no way connected to our Foyer other than in that role. We did not inform her of Mr. Thatcher's visit. She must have learned of it from having visited Madame la Comtesse de Breteuil, the co-founder and honorary committee president of the Foyer. In fact, we have as little to do with Mme. Rashid as possible as her manner is aggressive and often counter-productive. She claims to be a member of the royal family, but this is simply not true. I'm terribly sorry that she monopolized both Mr. Thatcher's time and conversation demanding more and more money for an organization of which she is not a part. Protocol demanded that I not chase her off the premises, and my experience in handling such matters was not sufficient to prevent her from embarrassing us at the Foyer.

Therefore, I offer both you and Mr. Thatcher our sincere apologies. I hope such an inconvenience does not badly reflect upon the Foyer. Should you decide to visit us again in the future, you shall be most welcome. I assure you that such an incident shall not occur twice.

I hope all is well with you in Casablanca. Please give my warmest regards to Mrs. Shakespeare and the others at the British embassy. We look forward to hearing from you again.

With best wishes and highest regards,

*Angela Heimburger*

Angela Heimburger  
Assistant Director





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2nd May, 1989

Mr. C. Powell  
The Private Secretary  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON  
SW1

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thank-yous for your

thank-you letters.

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Dear Mr. Powell,

LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE RIGHT  
HONOURABLE MRS. MARGARET THATCHER, MP

I have the honour to forward herewith three envelopes addressed to the Right Honourable Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister from my Head of State, His Excellency the Life President, Ngwazi Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda, Mama C. Tamanda Kadzamira and Miss Mary Kadzamira. I should be most grateful if the three letters could be delivered to the Prime Minister.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

B.B. Mtaŵali  
HIGH COMMISSIONER

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BRITISH EMBASSY  
RABAT

27 April 1989

C D Powell Esq  
Private Secretary  
to the Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON SW1

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Yours Charles

M. Frej, the King's Private Secretary, has just sent round to me the enclosed photograph album for me to pass on to the Prime Minister as a souvenir of her visit to Marrakesh. As you will see, it contains one or two rather splendid photos!

Many thanks for the nice letter that you sent me on your return to London. In spite of certain natural misgivings beforehand - mostly connected with His Majesty's time-keeping! - it turned out in the end to be quite a fun visit - and a highly successful one too from the bilateral point of view. We are already beginning to assemble quite a collection of contracts, several of which, I believe, have been deliberately pushed our way as a result of the Prime Minister's visit.

Yours truly

John

J W R Shakespeare

BRITISH EMBASSY

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STATE HOUSE  
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26th April, 1989

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, F.R.S., M.P.,  
10 Downing Street,  
Whitehall,  
London,  
ENGLAND

*Dear Honourable Prime Minister,*

Please accept my warmest thanks for your lovely gift, which will always be treasured and bring back many happy memories of your visit to Malawi.

We all hope it will not be long before we have the pleasure of welcoming you and Mr. Thatcher to Malawi again, and next time for a longer stay with us.

*yours sincerely,*

*Mary Kadzamira*

Mary Kadzamira

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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STATE HOUSE,  
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26th April, 1989

Dear Prime Minister;

Thank you very much for the kind sentiments expressed in your letter regarding the warm hospitality that my people and I were able to extend to you and to your Entourage during your recent visit to Malawi.

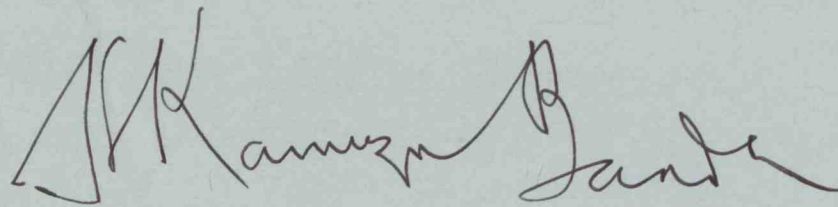
Your visit was special to us in many ways, and our hospitality was meant to be as natural as it was found genuine. I am pleased to hear that you found the happiness and excitement expressed by my people to be spontaneous.

It was with singular honour and pride that Mama C. Tamanda Kadzamira and I were able to welcome you and Mr. Thatcher into Sanjika Palace. Indeed, we would have liked you to have stayed longer so that you should see the other three Regions of the country, the Tea Estates, Zomba Plateau and Lake Malawi. We sincerely hope that you will come again and visit us for a longer period.

I, too, enjoyed the views that we exchanged over the political developments in Namibia, South Africa, and the Southern African region as a whole. I have always found inspiration in your firm and consistent stand on the question of sanctions, and the paramouncy of solving political problems through discussion and negotiation. Thank you also for your very encouraging support for the hospitality that we are extending to our Mozambican brothers and sisters.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to thank you and Her Majesty's Government, once again, for the continued financial assistance that you have extended to us since we became independent. We value this solid partnership in development between our countries and peoples.

Mama Kadzamira and I look forward to seeing you and Mr. Thatcher the next time that we are in London, and please accept our personal regards and best wishes for the future.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Kamuzu Banda'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'H' and a long, sweeping tail.

H. Kamuzu Banda

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, FRS, M.P.,  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,  
No. 10 Downing Street,  
LONDON.



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From: Mr C K Davies  
Date: 21 April 1989

MR P A BEARPARK

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**AFRICA VISIT**

Please refer to your note to Alex Hart of 13 April 1989.

1. We thought, at the planning stage, that the arrangements for NYANGA with both telephone and radio provided by the Army would, if not ideal, have been adequate. However, I agree it would be useful to have our own radio as a fall-back. We borrowed the sets for this tour from the FCO. I have asked Alex to look into the possibility of buying some. This does commit us to having at least two communications staff on the visit - but for the kind of situations we envisage using it, I think we will in any event have communications staff on the aircraft.

2. Non delivery of the telegram was fully investigated. Part of the difficulty was due to a non standard preamble on the telegram. A standard format has now been agreed which should eliminate this particular problem.

*Ken Davies*

C K DAVIES  
Telecommunications Secretariat



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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 April 1989

Dear Mr. de Souza,

I was very moved by my visit to Mankhokwe refugee camp and the wonderful work that you and your UNHCR colleagues are doing there. It is hard for others to appreciate the tragedy and despair which drives so many people from their homes. But you receive them and look after them with such kindness and care that they must feel that they have a safe refuge for themselves and their families until the day when they can return to their homes. I was very impressed by the work which you do and would ask you to convey my gratitude and appreciation to all members of your staff.

I would also like to say how greatly saddened I was to hear of the death of Mr Mkanda, whose illness prevented my meeting him on 31 March. I know that his dedication and the skill of his work for the refugees will be much missed. My sympathies go to you, his family and friends in Malawi. With renewed thanks and every good wish for the future.

Yours sincerely

Rajiv Gandhi

Mr P de Souza

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STATE HOUSE  
ZOMBA  
MALAWI

18th April, 1989

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,  
F.R.S., M.P.,  
10, Downing Street,  
Whitehall,  
LONDON.

*Dear Mrs Thatcher,*

Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl you gave to me before leaving Sanjika Palace. I shall wear it with pride, pleasure and cosiness during our cooler months for many years to come.

Your visit was a delight and honour to us all in Malawi and, brief though it was, the memories will remain indelible. Your inspiring messages reached every citizen, and you captured every heart with your warmth, friendliness and concern for those in need.

We can only hope the magnetism was reciprocal and that you and Mr. Thatcher will find time, in your busy and demanding life, to revisit our Warm Heart of Africa in the not-too-distant future.

With every good wish to you both,

I remain,

*Yours sincerely,*  
*C. Tamanda Kadzamira*

C. Tamanda Kadzamira



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Dr Z J Ngavirue



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18 April 1989

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*Dear Prime Minister,*

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Thank you for your kind letter dated 2 April 1989, referring to your recent visit to Rössing Mine.

We are deeply grateful and honoured that you found it possible to visit our undertaking at the end of what must have been an arduous trip to Africa.

The comments expressed in your letter, and while visiting the mine, were of great encouragement to us. As you know, Rössing has been the subject of unreasonable criticism for several years, mainly by people with ideological motives who have not bothered to come and see our operation for themselves. Your words of support and encouragement will remain with us as we enter the exciting - and perhaps difficult - period of Namibia's independence.

We look forward with optimism to the independence of Namibia, conscious of Rössing's continuing vital role in the economy. We also look forward to the possibility - perhaps before too long of re-establishing trade links between our company and the UK electricity authorities.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Z. J. Ngavirue*

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON SW1A 2AA



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

18 April 1989

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Malawi: Letters of Thanks

You will recall that the Prime Minister wrote to Mr R Mkanda, the UNHCR representative in Malawi, who was to have accompanied her to Mankhokwe refugee camp, to express her appreciation of the UNHCR's work in Malawi (copy enclosed). But Mr Mkanda died before the letter could be delivered.

The High Commissioner at Lilongwe has now recommended that the Prime Minister should instead write to Mr P de Souza, head of the UNHCR office at Blantyre, who stood in for Mr Mkanda at Mankhokwe. The Foreign Secretary agrees that this would be a useful gesture. (The Prime Minister has also written to M. Jean Pierre Hocke, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, about Mr Mkanda's death (copy enclosed).)

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)  
Private Secretary

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CLOVA,  
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14/4/89

Dear Charles.

The Prime Minister's  
us proud on her visit to  
Zimbabwe and provided a memorable  
occasion for all of us. She  
struck the right note (even  
on the drums!) with everyone.  
It was really very good of  
her to have taken so much  
trouble for us.  
I very much appreciate  
the part you played in advising  
her to make the visit - many  
thanks.

I have some photographs  
which may amuse you and  
I will send them on to you  
next week.

As ever

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10 DOWNING STREET

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*From the Private Secretary*

ALEX HART  
CABINET OFFICE

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**AFRICA VISIT**

On the whole, the communications arrangements throughout the Africa visit worked remarkably well, and all concerned are to be congratulated. But I hope you will not mind my mentioning one occasion on which I was slightly worried. This was when the Prime Minister visited Nyanga, in eastern Zimbabwe, and was away from Harare for some four or five hours. I know that there was a telephone at the army camp where we were, but it was some little while before I found this, and since it was a party line it struck me that it did not give us guaranteed communication with the No 10 office at the Residence or indeed the High Commission. If possible my preference would have been for some form of communication entirely within our control, such as the 'back pack' which was used so effectively on other parts of the visit. You may wish to bear these factors in mind for future planning. I understand that there was also a problem at the UK end at one stage in that one telegram sent from the aircraft was not transmitted onwards which led to some subsequent confusion.

P. A. BEARPARK

13 April 1989



10 DOWNING STREET  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Hocké,*

I was very sorry to hear from our High Commissioner in Lilongwe of the unexpected death of your Representative in Malawi, Mr. Raymond Mkanda. Please could you pass on my condolences to his family and colleagues.

I was sorry too that Mr. Mkanda's illness prevented me from meeting him during my recent visit to Malawi. However, I did see at first hand some of the excellent work that he and his staff have set in hand over the past two years, particularly at Mankhokwe Camp. I also heard praise from all sides for his dedication and achievements.

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. Jean Pierre Hocké



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TELEPHONE  
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Dear Prime Minister

My wife was delighted to meet you during your visit to Zimbabwe and I was most disappointed not to have been able to attend the High Commissioner's reception as well.

It was incredibly kind of you to have found time to write to me during that extremely busy visit and I would like you to know how much I appreciated this.

I hope you enjoyed your visit as much as much as everyone here enjoyed having you and your husband with us

yours sincerely

*Humphrey Gibbs*  
(Humphrey Gibbs)

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

5 April

Dear Charles,

I was very pleased to receive a copy of the Prime Minister's Minute to the Secretary of State about his visit to Africa and much appreciate the comments in it. Thank you also for your very kind letter.

I must say it is always a pleasure, & a privilege, to work for the Prime Minister

and everyone at 10  
Downing Street.

Yours sincerely

Shirley

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*From the Private Secretary*

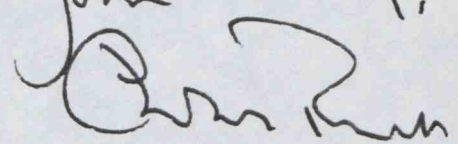
5 April 1989

Dear Squadron Leader Knapp.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if you could pass on to both crews her appreciation of all they did during her recent visit to Africa. It was a very busy trip and once again your excellent service helped to smooth the passage.

Could I also add my own thanks and those of the Prime Minister's staff for all your hard work and support.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  


Charles Powell

Squadron Leader J. D. Knapp

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Personal Minute

No. M1/89

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

VISIT TO AFRICA

I received very good support from our Ambassadors in Rabat, Maputo and Cape Town and our High Commissioners in Harare and Lilongwe during my visit to African countries last week and I have of course written to thank them and their staff. I should also like to express my appreciation to all those who helped prepare the visit and produce the briefs for their excellent work. Once again, Sheila Waghorn did a remarkable job both in advance of the visit and while we were there in ensuring that all the arrangements ran smoothly and I am most particularly grateful to her.

*Margaret Thatcher*

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4 April 1989

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Prime Minister (P)

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LILONGWE, MALAWI

4th April 1989

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP FRS

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My dear Prime Minister

Thank you for the beautiful signed photograph which we will treasure as a reminder of your visit to Malawi. Christina and I are delighted that you chose to come here, though the Malawians have ways of demonstrating their welcome with which we could not compete!

I am most grateful to you and Mr Thatcher for undertaking such a strenuous programme and for establishing such excellent rapport with senior Malawians. Your speeches have been broadcast several times here and heard by many.

Your visit has convinced Malawians that Britain is aware of their affection and not indifferent to their needs. Thank you for this.

Yours sincerely

Chris Polome



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## Pik's bunch of roses for Maggie causes drama

### Political Staff

IN the middle of all the drama of Saturday the attempts by Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha to present Mrs Margaret Thatcher with a red rose almost failed and brought another drama of its own.

A bunch of roses brought into Windhoek Airport was crushed when the car in which two members of Mr Botha's staff were travelling left the road between Windhoek and the airport and rolled.

The staff members Mr Gerard Pretorius and Mr Dieter Petch were not injured.

Eventually replacement roses were found and Mr Botha could give Mrs Thatcher a chivalrous welcome.



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**BOUQUET:** South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha meets British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in Windhoek on Saturday. She is carrying roses.

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1 PD I SPOKE TO THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL THIS MORNING PD HE SAID THAT 1,000 SWAPO HAD NOW CROSSED THE BORDER PD THEY WERE ARMED WITH ROCKET LAUNCHERS CMM MORTARS AND SAM 7S  
2 PD PIENAAR SAID THAT HE AND AHTISAARI AND PREM CHAND HAD MET YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE FACT FINDING MISSION THEY HAD SENT TO THE AREA PD THEY WERE PRACTICALLY AGREED ABOUT THE FACTS IE THAT THERE HAD BEEN A LARGE ARMED SWAPO INCURSION CMM AND HE BELIEVED THAT THIS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THEIR REPORT TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL PD CAPTURED SWAPO WERE SAYING THAT THEY HAD BEEN TOLD BY THEIR COMMANDERS THAT THEY SHOULD CROSS THE FRONTIER WITH THEIR HEAVY WEAPONS WHERE THEY WOULD BE RECEIVED BY UNTAG WHO WOULD INSTAL THEM IN THE CAMPS VACATED BY THE SADF PD I SAID THAT THIS WAS CONTRARY TO NUJOMAS STATEMENT IN HARARE (HARARE TELNO 220 TO YOU) THAT SWAPO FORCES HAD BEEN ORDERED NOT TO CROSS THE BORDER PD PIENAAR SAID THAT CMM MORE IMPORTANTLY CMM IT WAS TOTALLY CONTRARY TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH REQUIRED ALL SWAPO FORCES TO REMAIN NORTH OF THE 16TH PARALLEL AND MADE CLEAR THAT THERE COULD BE NO ARMED INCURSIONS BY EITHER SIDE PD NP3 PIENAAR SAID THAT COOPERATION WITH AHTISAARI AND PREM CHAND REMAINED GOOD PD BUT HE WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MILITARY SITUATION PD BY NOW 120 SWAPO HAD BEEN KILLED PD 18 POLICE HAD BEEN KILLED AND 40 SERIOUSLY INJURED PD IT WAS PROVING IMPOSSIBLE TO GET SWAPO TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS PD THEY WERE NOT IN FORMATION AND A RUNNING BATTLE WAS GOING ON IN THE BUSH PD HE FEARED THAT IF THIS WENT ON THERE WOULD BE A MASSACRE CMM WITH VERY HEAVY SWAPO CASUALTIES AND SERIOUS CASUALTIES ALSO AMONG THE POLICE PD I ASKED IF UNTAG COULD NOT HELP TO GET SWAPO TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS PD HE SAID THAT THIS WAS PRECISELY WHAT HE WAS ABOUT TO TRY TO GET AGREED WITH GENERAL PREM CHAND PD I SAID THAT I WOULD ALSO SPEAK TO PREM CHAND CMM WHO TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE WAS SENDING REPRESENTATIVES TO LUANDA TO TRY TO TALK TO SWAPO PD PIENAAR ADDED THAT IT WAS THE PRIME MINISTERS INTERVENTION ON SATURDAY NIGHT WHICH HAD PREVENTED UNILATERAL ACTION BY THE SADF PD HE HAD BEEN STANDING ALONE AGAINST THAT AND HE WANTED TO EXPRESS HIS RESPECT FOR THE STAND SHE HAD TAKEN AND TO THANK HER FOR HER SUPPORT  
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GIFTS GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT WINDHOEK TO;

- ① Hon. Louis Pienaar. (Administrator General) AAB
- ② Mr Marti Ahtisaari (UN Secretary General's Special Representative)
- ③ General Prem Chand (Commander UNTAG)
- ④ Dr. Ngavirue (Chairman, Rossing Mine)
- ⑤ Dr. Michael Bates (Managing Director, Rossing Mine)

⑦ Swakopmund Remit.

⑧ Lt. Colonel Donaldson.

⑨ Mr Altmair Franz

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Mkanda*

I was very moved by my visit to Nsanje Refugee Camp and the wonderful work which you and your UNHCR colleagues are doing there. It is hard for others to appreciate the tragedy and despair which drives so many people from their homes. But you receive them and look after them with such kindness and care they must feel they have a safe refuge for themselves and their families until the day when they can return to their homes. I was greatly impressed by the work which you do and would ask you to convey my gratitude and appreciation to all the members of your staff.

With every good wish for the future,

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. R. Mkanda



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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1989

*Dear Colonel Donaldson,*

I was very pleased to be able to visit the British component of UNTAG on the day in which the arrangements which should lead to Namibia's independence came into force, and to underline my full support for the work you are doing. The conditions under which you have to carry out your duties are not easy. But I know that you and others under your command will demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism which are the hallmark of the British Army.

I was most grateful, also, for the lunch and the opportunity it gave me to meet many of the members of the British contingent.

My visit was also, of course, an opportunity to tell you personally of my deep grief at the tragic death of the two young signallers the day before. This was a grievous blow not just for the men's families but also for their colleagues in the British contingent. I know that they will continue to carry out their duties with the courage and dedication which they always show.

I send you and all under your command every good wish in your difficult mission.

*Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher*

Lieutenant Colonel Donaldson

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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1989

Dear Mr. Bates,

It was very good of you to make such excellent arrangements for me to see the Rossing Mine during my visit to Namibia. I was very impressed indeed with the scale of the operation, the high value placed on safety, and the excellent facilities provided for those working at the mine which are a model for others. I hope very much that political developments in the territory will enable the mine to continue to prosper when it so evidently contributes very substantially to the economy of the country as a whole.

I should be grateful if you would also convey my gratitude to all the members of the mine's staff who shared in the arrangements for my visit, for making it such an interesting and happy occasion.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely

Ronald Reagan

Dr. Michael Bates

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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1989

*Dear Dr. Ngavirue*

Thank you very much for arranging for me to go to the Rossing Mine during my brief visit to Namibia. It is a most impressive undertaking both industrially and in terms of the quality of the services provided to those who work there. I congratulate you most warmly on what has been achieved, which should serve as an example for others.

With every good wish,

*Yours sincerely*

*Naguib Halim*

Dr. Ngavirue

*dg*



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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1989

*Dear General Prem Chand*

It was very good of you to devote so much time to my visit to Windhoek on 1 April on what must anyway have been an exceptionally busy day for you. I was glad to be able to make the visit and demonstrate my strong support for the Namibia Agreement and for the role of UNTAG. The willingness to work together which you, Mr. Ahtisaari and the Administrator General displayed was most encouraging. I am sure that it will be called upon many times in the future if the Agreement is to be successfully implemented, but I know that you will do your utmost to ensure that is so.

I am most grateful also for the kind help which I received from members of UNTAG during my visit and would ask you to convey my best wishes to all members of the Force in their difficult task.

*Yours sincerely*

*Rajiv Gandhi*

General Prem Chand

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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Ahtisaari*

I was glad that we were able to meet during my brief visit to Windhoek on 1 April and am most grateful to you for finding the time on what was clearly an exceptionally busy and difficult day. I thought that the excellent spirit in which you, General Prem Chand and the Administrator General were working together augurs well for the Agreement. I am sure there will be many difficulties, and I hope that same spirit of co-operation in implementing the Agreement, which was so apparent at the time of my visit, will continue. I wish you every success in your difficult task and please do not hesitate to seek our support if necessary.

With every good wish,

*Yours sincerely*

*Rajiv Gandhi*

Mr. Martti Ahtisaari



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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1989

Dear Mr. Bauermeister,

I am most grateful to you for all the help you gave over my visit to Namibia. I found it intensely interesting. It was also, as it turns out, rather opportune as regards implementation of the United Nations plan, and I was very glad to be able to take part in the discussions with the Administrator General, the United Nations representative and General Prem Chand. Your help was crucial in all this, for which I thank you most warmly. Please also convey my gratitude to all those who helped with the arrangements.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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Mr. Kobus Bauermeister

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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1989

*Dear Administration General,*

I am most grateful to you for your kindness and courtesy in receiving me during my visit to Windhoek on 1 April. It was particularly good of you to arrange the joint meeting with Mr. Ahtisaari and General Prem Chand. The way in which the three of you had settled down to work together was most impressive and augurs well for the implementation of the Agreement. I have no doubts that there will be testing times ahead and that the difficulties of 1 April were simply the first taste of these. Your own point that they represent a challenge, not to South Africa but to the Agreement itself and to the United Nations is the key one. I hope very much that South Africa will continue to operate within the Agreement at all times so that it is quite clear where the blame for any breach lies. I shall be following events very closely and wish you every success for the future.

May I also take the opportunity to thank your wife for her kindness in looking after the other members of my party, and to ask you to convey my gratitude to all those concerned with the arrangements for my visit.

With every good wish,

*Yours sincerely*  
*Nagendra Nath*

The Hon. Louis Pienaar

*dg*





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*From the Private Secretary*

2 April 1989

*Dear Richard,*

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NAMIBIA**

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letters for her visit to Namibia. I should be grateful if the texts could be telegraphed for delivery as soon as possible, with the originals to follow by bag.

*Yours sincerely,  
C.D. Powell*

(C.D. POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

*RG*



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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1989

*Dear Sir Alistair*

Just to say that your colleagues at Rossing arranged a marvellous programme for my brief visit there on 1 April and I am most grateful to them. The scale of the operation is very impressive indeed and the facilities provided for the workforce quite outstanding and a model for others. Denis and I were very pleased to be able to make the visit and wanted to thank you for all your help.

With every good wish,

*Yours sincerely*  
*Margaret Thatcher*

Sir Alistair Frame

*dg*



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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 April 1989

Dear Robin

Thank you very much for the marvellous arrangements which you made for my visit to Namibia and for your support during my meetings with Pik Botha, the Administrator General, General Prem Chand and Mr. Ahtisaari. I think it was perhaps just as well that I was there to help them over this first difficulty with the Agreement. But there will of course be many more, as you will remember only too well from your experiences in Zimbabwe, and we shall constantly need to work hard to keep the Agreement on course. I was delighted, also, to be able to visit the British Signals contingent and to see the Rossing Mine.

Please also thank your wife for coming up to Windhoek for the occasion: we were both very pleased to see her again. And would you please also thank all the members of your staff who helped with the arrangements for the visit.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely

Nayana Dhalwa

His Excellency Sir Robin Renwick, K.C.M.G.



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*From the Private Secretary*

1 April 1989

*Dear Richard,*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ZIMBABWE

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letters for her visit to Zimbabwe. I should be grateful if they could be telegraphed to Harare for delivery with the original, sent by bag. Text of the message to Mr Mugabe has already been sent.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Charles Powell*

Charles Powell

Richard Gozney, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Crossland,*

Thank you very much for all the arrangements which you and your staff made to look after my delegation during my visit to Malawi. I know that a visit such as this requires an enormous amount of organisation and administration, but I have heard of nothing but praise for the facilities you made available at the Mount Soche Hotel. And my congratulations to your chefs and the staff who were involved in the luncheon which the High Commissioner hosted for me. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. G. Crossland



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Mwanja,*

Thank you so very much for all the arrangements which you made for my visit to the refugee camp at Nsanje. The refugees from Mozambique have suffered terrible tragedies and deprivations. They have come to your region in search of freedom from persecution and support in terms of physical facilities. It was quite clear from what I saw that you are providing these in abundance, and the gratitude of the refugees was obvious to all concerned.

Your task is I know difficult, but I hope that the publicity that you have received will help in obtaining further support for your work. Thank you again for all your help.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely  
Raymond Hunter*

Mr. G. Mwanja



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Mkanda*

I was very moved by my visit to Nsanje Refugee Camp and the wonderful work which you and your UNHCR colleagues are doing there. It is hard for others to appreciate the tragedy and despair which drives so many people from their homes. But you receive them and look after them with such kindness and care they must feel they have a safe refuge for themselves and their families until the day when they can return to their homes. I was greatly impressed by the work which you do and would ask you to convey my gratitude and appreciation to all the members of your staff.

With every good wish for the future,

*Yours sincerely*

*Nayana Shakti*

Mr. R. Mkanda



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Mononga.*

May I thank you most warmly for making us so very comfortable during our stay at the Sanjika Palace. You and all the staff there looked after us splendidly and no words of praise can be high enough for the kindness and consideration we were shown. May I ask you to convey my gratitude and appreciation to all the members of the staff.

With every good wish,

*Yours sincerely*

*Rajiv Gandhi*

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Mr. M. M. Mononga





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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Nkombe,*

I wanted to write at once to thank you for all the kindness that you showed me during my visit to Malawi. My visit was sadly too short, but I shall return to England with very many happy memories of the kindness and friendliness of all the people. The beauty of your countryside is breathtaking, and I can only hope that one day I might be able to return to travel more extensively and at more leisure.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. R.N.L. Nkombe



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Kakhobwe,*

Thank you very much for the absolutely excellent arrangements made for my visit to Malawi. I do not think it would have been possible to squeeze more into such a short visit! But it was done with such care and thoughtfulness that I enjoyed every moment of the day and leave with the fondest and happiest memories.

With every good wish for the future,

*Your sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher*

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Mr. S. M. Kakhobwe



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Honourable Minister*

Thank you so much for all the arrangements you so kindly made for my trip to Malawi. I have long wanted to visit your country, and was most grateful to have the opportunity to see so much of your breathtaking scenery. My only sadness is that my visit should have coincided with a time when you have so much to do in helping the Mozambican refugees, and the added difficulty of the disruption to your transport caused by the floods. I was able to see for myself the friendliness and hospitality of your people and know that with these you will be able to overcome the difficulties.

With best wishes,

*Your sincerely*

*Maynard Dunster*

The Honourable D.S. Katopola



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Honourable Minister*

I wanted to write at once to thank you for all the kindness and help you gave during my visit to Malawi. It was truly the highlight of my trip to Africa. Your scenery is breathtaking, and is only surpassed by the friendliness and hospitality of the Malawi people. I shall return to Britain with many happy memories and hope that I might be able to come back to Malawi one day.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Roger Maitland*

The Honourable M.M. Mwakikunga, MP.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Honourable Minister*

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With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Ngwenyama Thabata*

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The Honourable W.B. Deleza, MP.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Barrow,*

I wanted to write at once to thank you for taking so much trouble to show us round your plantation yesterday. The setting was superb, combining beauty, tranquility and yet an air of quiet efficiency. I feel sure you will continue to prosper given the determination you showed to find new products and new markets for your high quality produce. And thank you too for your most generous gifts. It really is very kind of you.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*  
*Rajana Khatri*

Mr. C. Barrow



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Honourable Minister*

Thank you very much for all the arrangements you made and the kindness you showed to me and my delegation during our visit to Malawi. Your country is one of the most beautiful I have ever visited, but the magnificence of the scenery is surpassed by the friendliness of all the people whom I met. I shall treasure very happy memories of what was an all too short visit, and hope that one day I might be able to return to see more of your land.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Halloran*

The Honourable S.G. Demba, MP



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Dettmer*

Thank you so much for making all the arrangements for my visit to the Land Rover Reconditioning Plant in Blantyre yesterday. Land Rovers are synonymous with hard work and endurance in Africa, and the way in which you are extending their life is a tribute to both the imagination of those who designed the project, and the skill and dedication of your staff in carrying out the refurbishment. I am sure it is through projects such as this that we can best maximise the aid which we have available.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*  
*Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. M. Dettmer.





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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Honourable Minister,*

Thank you very much for all your kindness and courtesy during my visit to Malawi which ranks as one of the most enjoyable I have ever paid to any country. I have certainly never received a welcome like it and it will leave the fondest and happiest of memories.

I wish you and Malawi every possible success for the future, with Britain's continued help and support.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Rajiv Gandhi*

The Honourable M. M. Pashane, M.P.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear General Khanga,*

I am writing to thank you most warmly for all the help which I received from the Malawi Army during my stay in your country. It helped me to see as much as possible in a very short time and my visit was an experience which I shall never forget: a truly happy and well run country with a leader who has the respect and affection of all his people.

May I ask you to convey my gratitude and good wishes to all the members of the Malawi Army - and perhaps most of all to the officers and men who mounted perhaps the smartest Guard of Honour I have been privileged to see.

*Yours sincerely*

*Rayan Malhotra*

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General M.M. Khanga, MSM.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Inspector General*

May I thank you most warmly for the outstanding work done by the Malawi police during my visit. They looked after me every step of the way and contributed very much to making my time in Malawi so happy and successful. I should be glad if you would convey my gratitude personally to all your officers and men, together with my best wishes for the future.

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Walker*

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Mr. M.G. Namasani



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear President - General*

I am most grateful to you for your very kind hospitality during my visit to Malawi and in particular taking on the role of Master of Ceremonies at the marvellous banquet. It was an evening which I shall never forget. I was enormously impressed by everything I saw in Malawi and proud that Britain has been able to help in your development - and will of course continue to do so.

I send you every good wish for the future,

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Walker*

The Honourable J.Z.U. Tembo



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*The Honourable Minister,*

I wanted to write at once to thank you for all your kindness and assistance during my visit to Malawi. Your country is beautiful, and your people so friendly that I shall treasure the many happy memories I have of my time there. But I shall always remember with sadness the plight of the many Mozambican refugees. The efforts you are making to help them are magnificent, and you and all your colleagues are to be congratulated.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Nayana Dalbir*

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The Honourable E.C.I. Bwanali, MP.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mama,*

May I thank you most warmly for all your wonderful kindness and hospitality during our visit to Malawi. It is an experience which I shall never forget, both for the beauty of the country, the warmth of the welcome and the cheerfulness of the people. It was exceptionally kind of the Life President to allow us to stay at the Sanjika Palace and we could not have been more comfortable. Would you please also thank Miss Mary for this on behalf of all of us.

It was a particular pleasure to see you once more and we are all grateful for the tremendous work which you do and the support which you give His Excellency. We look forward very much to seeing you once more on your next visit to London. Until then, may I say once again how deeply grateful we are to you for giving us such a wonderful visit.

*Warm regards*

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Mama C. Tamanda Kadzamira

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Your Excellency,*

I leave Malawi overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome I received and by the great personal kindness and consideration. I shall always remember it as the happiest visit which I have paid anywhere in all my ten years as Prime Minister. It was a delight to see your people so contented and so respectful of their Life President and indeed they have so much for which to be grateful to you. You have given them peace and tranquility which they need to develop their country and provide for their families, and their achievements since independence are truly remarkable.

It was particularly good of you, Sir, to arrange such a full programme for me and make available your helicopter. This made it possible for me to appreciate both the great beauty of your country and the success of its agriculture, as well as to visit Mankhokwe Refugee Camp where your people are showing such generosity towards the unfortunate refugees from Mozambique. Thank you also for allowing us to stay at the Sanjika Palace where your staff attended to us with every possible consideration.

As always it was of the greatest possible interest to hear Your Excellency's news on the affairs of Southern Africa. I was glad to be able to inform you of the additional help which we shall be providing to Malawi. We do so very willingly because we now how well it will be spent.

Finally, Sir, may I thank you for the wonderfully generous gifts which will give all of us the greatest possible pleasure.

We look forward very much to Your Excellency's next visit to London. Until then, my husband joins me in sending you our best wishes.

*With warm and respectful regards,*

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

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His Excellency Ngwazi Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda, GCB





10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

1 April 1989

Dear Mr. Osborne

My time in Malawi was, without doubt, a high point in my visit to Africa. And this was largely due to the smooth and efficient way in which you handled all the arrangements. I know that you and your wife, and indeed all your staff, must have worked immensely hard before we came - and of course the programme itself was a hectic one. I know you will agree, however, that it was most worthwhile. I certainly think it helped cement the excellent relations we have with the Life President, and all the people of Malawi.

Thank you very much indeed for all your hard work: it is very much appreciated.

With best wishes,

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Douglas Halden

His Excellency Dr. D. G. Osborne



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*From the Private Secretary*

1 April 1989

*Dear Richard,*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MALAWI

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letters for her visit to Malawi. I should be grateful if they could be telegraphed to Lilongwe for delivery as soon as possible with the originals sent by bag.

*Yours sincerely,  
Charles Powell*

Charles Powell

Richard Gozney, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Following for Ambassador from Charles Powell

Following are texts of Prime Minister's thank you letters.

Grateful if you could deliver them as soon as possible. Signed originals will follow as soon as possible.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear High Commissioner,*

I am most grateful to you and your wife for your very kind hospitality during my visit to Zimbabwe. You made us very comfortable and welcome and we all enjoyed the reception which you so kindly arranged. I know how much work goes into these visits: please convey my gratitude also to all the members of the High Commission staff.

I was pleased to see Zimbabwe at last. There are clearly still many problems ahead but I think it is in as good shape as we could reasonably have expected at the time of the Lancaster House Conference. I hope that my visit will have contributed in some measure to the work which you and your staff do for Britain in Zimbabwe.

I know you will be sorry to leave Zimbabwe but send you every good wish for your time in Thailand.

*Kind regards,*

*Yours sincerely*

*Rajiv Gandhi*

His Excellency Mr. M. R. Melhuish, C.M.G.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Garwe*

I was immensely grateful for all the trouble which was taken over the programme for my visit to Zimbabwe. The organisation was first class and enabled me to make the most of my visit. I was greatly impressed by all that I saw and by the warmth and friendliness of the welcome I received. I know how much work you and your staff put into the preparation of the visit and I should be grateful if you could convey my gratitude to them also.

With every good wish,

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. E. R. Garwe.



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LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Ross*

Thank you very much indeed for all the arrangements you made for my visit to the British Council in Harare. The Council does splendid work throughout the world: and I was delighted to see that you are able to maintain such very high standards in Zimbabwe. Access to books is a vital part of education; and it was quite clear that the service you provide is very much appreciated by all Zimbabweans.

Could you please also pass on my thanks to all your staff for making my visit so enjoyable.

*Yours sincerely*

*Nayanshu Khaitan*

Mr. N.. Ross.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Brigadier*

It was very good of you to go to so much trouble for my visit to Nyanga and it was a very worthwhile occasion. Quite apart from the practical value of the visit, there was a great political symbolism to the tripartite meeting which will stand us in good stead as we try to move Southern Africa towards greater stability.

I expected to be impressed by BMATT's work but it exceeded even my expectations and I should be glad if you would convey my warm gratitude to everyone concerned. I am certain that we must try to step up our training of Mozambicans there and look forward to receiving a copy of your report after you have visited Mozambique so that we can decide precisely what best to do. But I am inclined to think that doubling the intake is the right course.

Thank you again and every good wish,

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Hunt*

Brigadier T. P. Toyne Sewell.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Colonel Kerruish,*

Thank you very much for the excellent arrangements made for my visit to Nyanga. Only the British Army could have made such a marvellous occasion of it, demonstrating to all the world what an effective contribution you make to Britain's prestige and standing. It was good to see that you also all clearly find the work at Nyanga rewarding.

I am particularly grateful for the arrangements made for the lunch overlooking the river. I suppose it must have been one of the odder events in our international relations, but very productive and successful all the same.

With every good wish to you and all the members of BMATT,

*Yours sincerely*

*Nyanga Charter*

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Lt.-Col. G. P. Kerruish.





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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Major Silverside,*

I was very pleased to have the chance to see the work being done by the Zimbabwe Training Team at Nyanga. It was in the very best traditions of the British Army and I understand better than ever why so many countries round the world ask for our help. Quite apart from the military value of what you and your Team are doing, it earns enormous political credit for Britain and is a mainstay of our policy in Southern Africa. Please thank each and every one of the members of the Mozambique Training Team and give them my warm good wishes.

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Thatcher*

Major T. G. W. Silverside.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Mr. A. M. Negonde,*

Thank you so very much for all the help and assistance with the arrangements which you so kindly made during my visit to Zimbabwe. My time in your country was all too brief; but I shall cherish for ever the memories of your beautiful land, and the warmth and friendliness of all your people.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Thatcher*

Mr. A. M. Negonde.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Chireka,*

I wanted to write as soon as possible to thank you most sincerely for all the arrangements you made for my visit to Mount Darwin. The achievement of the farmers in your region are most impressive, and it is difficult to imagine a more beautiful setting in which to live. My visit to Zimbabwe was all too short but I shall always have happy memories of the magnificent views, and the warmth and friendliness of all your people.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Nagat Malra*

Mr. E. W. Chireka.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Coakley,*

It was very good of you to invite me to open the Freda mine during my visit to Zimbabwe and to make it such an enjoyable occasion. I think you have created something quite remarkable in a very short space of time and I hope that the enterprise continues to flourish. I hope also that it will demonstrate to the Zimbabweans what can be achieved by enterprise and by foreign investment if they are not subject to unnecessary restrictions.

I should be glad if you would convey my warm thanks and appreciation to all the members of the Company's staff.

With every good wish to you and your wife,

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. N. Graham.

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1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Thorpe*

Thank you so very much for taking the time to come with me on my visit around Harare. It was a most enjoyable day - made more so by your kindness and efficiency.

Could you please be so kind as to pass on the enclosed letters to my various hosts? And do let me know if I have offended anyone by omission.

With very best wishes for your future in Zimbabwe,

*Yours sincerely  
Denis Healey*

Nigel Thorpe, Esq.



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1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Pringle*

Thank you so much for taking the trouble to show me your operations at Willowvale. I was most impressed to see what you have done, and feel sure that you will continue to prosper given the obvious dedication and enthusiasm of your staff.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely  
Denis Healey*

Mr. Ian Pringle



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1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Abrahams*

I am most grateful for all the arrangements you made for my visit to Lever Bros. It brought back many memories, and was a thoroughly enjoyable part of a most interesting trip. As I said, it is many years since I last visited Zimbabwe: it was good to see that industry is flourishing - and this is in no small part due to the efforts of you and your staff.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely,  
Denis Healey*

Mr. Abrahams



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1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Botsh,*

I wanted to write at once to thank you for all the arrangements you made for my visit to Morewear Industries. As I said, it is many years since I last visited Zimbabwe: and it was very encouraging to see its industry flourishing. I wish you all the very best for a prosperous future.

*Yours sincerely  
Denis Healey*

Mr. Abner Botsh





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1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Rose*

I wanted to write at once to thank you for the trouble you and your staff had taken to show me round your tractor rehabilitation project in Zimbabwe. The operation was most impressive - and seems an excellent use of what are obviously scarce aid funds. I do hope that you are able to continue and expand your work.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely,  
Denis Healey*

Mr. Bob Rose



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1 April 1989

*Dear Mr. Venning*

Thank you very much indeed for all the trouble you took to show me round your operation in Harare. It was most impressive - and this is obviously due to the skill and dedication of you and your staff. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the many changes that have taken place since my last visit to Zimbabwe, and will take back many happy memories of a most pleasant trip.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*John Major*

Mr. Bernard Venning



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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 April 1989

Dear Mr. Bandason,

My visit to Chomagora School was one of the highlights of my visit to Zimbabwe. The dedication of you and your staff was clear for all to see, as was the exuberance and enthusiasm of your pupils. Thank you so much for inviting me: I shall remember always the way in which I was greeted, and especially the beautiful singing and dancing.

Please do pass on my very best wishes to everyone at the school: I feel sure that with your guidance they will all prosper in the years to come.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. B. Bandason

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TO BRITISH LIAISON OFFICE, WINDHOEK R.F.I. TO FCO, UKMIS NEW YORK  
FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CHARLES POWELL, AIRBORNE

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TELEGRAM REPORTING  
THE OUTCOME OF LAST NIGHT'S DISCUSSIONS. PROVIDED YOU SEE NO  
OBJECTION, SHE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD SAY TO PIK BOTHA  
ON HER BEHALF THAT SHE WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR HIS MESSAGE  
AND GLAD THAT A SOLUTION WAS REACHED WHICH IS STRICTLY IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT. SHE CONGRATULATES HIM ON THE SKILL  
WITH WHICH THE SITUATION WAS HANDLED. IT IS GOOD THAT THIS FIRST  
HURDLE HAS BEEN OVERCOME. THERE WILL NO DOUBT BE MANY MORE.  
IT WILL BE VITAL THAT SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES AT ALL TIMES TO REACT  
STRICTLY WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT AND SHOULD NOT PUT  
ITSELF IN THE WRONG.

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TO BRITISH LIAISON OFFICE, WINDHOEK  
RIF R.F.I. TO FCO, UKMIS NEW YORK

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CHARLES POWELL,  
AIRBORNE

The Prime Minister was grateful for your telegram ~~by~~ reporting the outcome of last ~~in~~ night's discussions. Provided you see no objection, she would be grateful if you would say to Piki Botha on her behalf that she was very grateful for his message and glad that a solution was reached.



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which is strictly in accordance with the Agreement. She congratulates him on the ~~test~~ skill with which the situation was handled. It is good that this first hurdle has been overcome. There will ~~be~~ no doubt be many more. It will be vital that South Africa continues at all times to react strictly within the terms of the Agreement and should not put itself in the wrong.

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FOR RESIDENT CLERK FROM  
CHARLES POWELL

PRIME MINISTER'S AIRCRAFT  
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MRS MARGARET THATCHER  
C/O ADMINISTRATOR LOUIS PIENAAR  
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PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF MR DENIS THATCHER, M.B.E., T.D.

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH : HARARE

Dress : Lounge suit

- 0810 : Leave High Commissioner's Residence. Accompanied throughout the day by Mr Nigel Thorpe, Deputy High Commissioner and Mr Peter Johnstone, First Secretary (Commercial).
- 0830 - : Meeting with Presidents of Confederation of Zimbabwe  
0945 Industries, Commercial Farmers' Union, Chamber of Mines - for briefing on sectoral situation and concerns of private sector. Industry House, 109, Rotten Row.
- 1000- : ① Visit Castrol Zimbabwe - M.D.  
1045 Mr Ian Pringle - Barking Road, Willowvale.
- 1100 - : ② Visit Lever Bros - Commercial Director, Mr Noel Woods  
1215 Stirling Road, Workington.
- 1230 : Lunch - Institute of Directors - Chairman, Mr Tony Knight - Harare Club, Africa Unity Square.
- 1445 - : ③ Visit Morewear Industries - Chairman, Mr Abner Botsh  
1530 Plymouth Road, Southerton.
- 1540 - : ④ Visit FARMEC - Mr Bob Rose, M.D.  
1600 Birmingham Road, Southerton
- 1620 - : ⑤ Visit Plessey - Mr Bernard Venning, M.D.  
1700 Kelvin Road, Graniteside
- 1720 : High Commissioner's Residence )  
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- 1830 : High Commissioner's Reception ) Dress : dark lounge  
) suit  
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- 1930 : Depart Residence )  
) WITH PRIME MINISTER  
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- 1945 : Arrive Sheraton Hotel )  
) Dress : dark lounge  
2000 : President Mugabe's Banquet. ) suit,

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VISIT TO MALAWI BY THE PRIME MINISTER  
THE RT HON MAGARET THATCHER, FRS, MP  
30 MARCH - 1 APRIL 1989

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List for Thank Yous

PRIME MINISTER

- ①  
CDP The Life President of the Republic of Malawi (Your Excellency)  
Ngwazi Dr H Kamuzu Banda
- ②  
CDP Mama C Tamanda Kadzamira (Dear Mama)  
Official Hostess
- ③  
PAB Hon E C I Bwanali, MP (Honourable Minister)  
Minister of Health
- ④  
CDP Hon J Z U Tembo (Dear Treasurer-General)  
Treasurer General  
Malawi Congress Party
- ⑤  
CDP Mr M G Namasani (Dear Inspector General)  
Inspector General of Malawi Police
- ⑥  
CDP General M M Khanga, MSM. psc (Dear General Khanga)  
Army Commander
- ⑦  
CDP Hon M M Pashane, MP (Honourable Minister)  
Administrative Secretary, Malawi Congress  
Party and Minister Without Portfolio

PRIVATE SECRETARY

- ⑧  
PAB Mr M Dettmer (Dear Mr Dettmer)  
Managing Director, Leyland (Malawi) Ltd
- ⑨  
PAB Mr C Barrow (Dear Mr Barrow)  
Chairman, Naming'omba Tea Estate
- ⑩  
PAB Hon S G Demba, MP (Honourable Minister)  
Minister of Forestry and Natural Resources

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 Hon W B Deleza, MP  
 Minister of Labour
 (Honourable Minister)
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 Hon M M Mwakikunga, MP  
 Minister of Local Government
 (Honourable Minister)
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 Hon D S Katopola, MP  
 Minister of Transport and Communications
 (Honourable Minister)
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PAB
 Mr S M Kakhobwe  
 Secretary for Office of the  
 President and Cabinet
 (Dear Mr Kakhobwe)
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 Mr R N L Nkomba  
 Principal Secretary,  
 Ministry of External Affairs
 (Dear Mr Nkomba)
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CAB
 Mr M M Mononga  
 Deputy Comptroller of State Residences
 (Dear Mr Mononga)
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CAB
 Mr R Mkanda  
 UNHCR Representative
 (Dear Mr Mkanda)
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PAB
 Mr G Crossland  
 General Manager, Mount Soche Hotel
 (Dear Mr Crossland)
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PAB
 Mr G Mwanja  
 District Commissioner, Nsanje
 (Dear Mr Mwanja)

MR INGHAM

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 Mr C K T Mita  
 Chief Information Officer
 (Dear Mr Mita)



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THOSE TO WHOM THANK YOU LETTERS SHOULD BE SENT

Sa Majesté le Roi Hassan II  
Roi du Maroc

✓ Majesté [Your Majesty]

Son Excellence Dr Azeddine Laraki  
Premier Ministre

✓ Excellence [Your Excellency]

Son Altesse Royale Lalla Latifa

Votre Altesse Royale [Your Royal Highness]

*Should not be written to!  
Can be thanked in letter to King.*

✓ Monsieur Abdelhaq M'Rini  
Chargé de Mission  
Ministère de la Maison Royale, du Protocole  
et de la Chancellerie  
Palais Royal

Monsieur

*+ Mrs. Gen*

✓ Monsieur Mohamed Hammouti  
Directeur Général Adjoint  
Hôtel Mamounia

Monsieur

Madame la Comtesse de Breteuil  
Villa Taylor  
Marrakesh

Madame la Comtesse

PAAB  
Monsieur Saadek Maaninou  
Directeur de l'Information  
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*(responsible for arrangements made  
for British Press)*

Monsieur

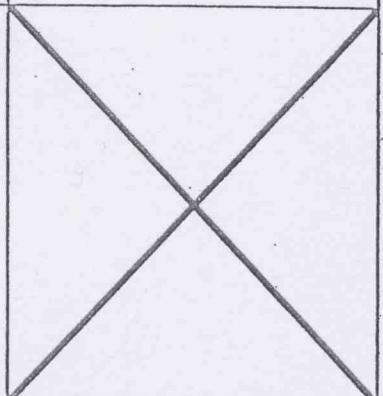
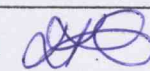
Commander of the Marrakesh base visited by Mr Thatcher

Monsieur le ~~Commandant~~ Colonel.

*[Dear Colonel Mush]*

*M. le Colonel Mush,  
Commandant de la Base de  
Marrakech.*

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PARTY.

YOUR TELNO THIS VISIT TO NAMIBIA THREAT ASSESSMENT.  
IN WINDHOEK IS CALLED TODAY. SWAPO ARE HOLDING A LARGE RALLY IN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF KATATONA TOMORROW AND ARE HOPING TO STAGE A MARCH INTO  
THE TOWN. AS ALREADY INDICATED, WE HAVE AGREED WITH THE  
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POTENTIAL DEMONSTRATION. IF DEMONSTRATIONS CONSTITUTE ANY REAL  
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cc ✓ Mr Powell  
Mr Ingham  
Mr Bearpark  
Mr Bates  
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FOLLOWING FOR MISS WAGHORN  
VISIT TO NAMIBIA

*plus UN Report done*

1. FOLLOWING IS FINAL VERSION OF THE PROGRAMME:  
1230 ARRIVE WINDHOEK AIRPORT. MET BY HM AMBASSADOR, THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, MR LOUIS PIENAAR, AND THE UN FORCE COMMANDER, GENERAL PREM CHAND. PRIME MINISTER AND PARTY TRANSFER TO GULFSTREAM AIRCRAFT WITH HMA, ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND PREM CHAND. PRESS PARTY TRANSFER TO TWO BEECHCRAFT AIRCRAFT (WITH MR BATES, MR MERCER AND MISS ALLIOTT (EMBASSY)). THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL SET UP THE PRIVATE OFFICE AT THE AIRPORT.  
1300 APPROX. ARRIVE EROS AIRPORT. MET BY LT COL DONALDSON, OFFICER COMMANDING THE SIGNALS UNIT, AND MR WALLIS, HEAD OF THE BRITISH LIAISON OFFICE, WINDHOEK. PROCEED BY ROAD (TEN MINUTES) TO THE SIGNALS UNIT BASE HEADQUARTERS AT LEOPARD VALLEY.  
1315 LUNCH WITH THE UK SIGNALS UNIT (WITH GENERAL PREM CHAND).  
1340 PRESS PARTY DEPART FOR LUNCH AT EROS AIRPORT AND TO FLY IN TWO BEECHCRAFT AIRCRAFT TO ARANDIS AIRPORT, ROSSING, TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY.  
1420 PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY DEPART UK SIGNALS HEADQUARTERS FOR EROS AIRPORT.  
1430 PRIME MINISTER AND PARTY, WITH DR Z NGAVIRUE, CHAIRMAN, AND MR CRAIG GIBSON, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, DEPART BY AIR FOR ARANDIS AIRPORT, ROSSING.  
1500 PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES AT ARANDIS AIRPORT. MET BY DR MICHAEL BATES, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ROSSING.  
1515-1645 VISIT TO THE MINE AND MEET ROSSING PERSONNEL.  
1645 LEAVE ROSSING FOR ARANDIS AIRPORT.  
1700 LEAVE ARANDIS AIRPORT FOR EROS AIRPORT WINDHOEK  
1730 ARRIVE EROS AIRPORT. DRIVE INTO WINDHOEK TO OPEN BRITISH LIAISON OFFICE.  
1800 MEETING WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, MR LOUIS PIENAAR, THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR MARTI AHTISAARI, AND THE UN FORCE COMMANDER, GENERAL PREM CHAND.  
1900 DEPART BY ROAD FOR WINDHOEK AIRPORT.  
1930 ARRIVE WINDHOEK AIRPORT.  
1930-2015 MEETING WITH MR PIK BOTHA, VIP LOUNGE WINDHOEK AIRPORT  
2030 DEPART.

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10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

*From the Private Secretary*

30 March 1989

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 28 March. She was most grateful for your very kind words of support and wishes me to pass on her best wishes to you and your husband.

P.A. Bearpark

Mrs. Ann Arkwright.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

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I have had a wonderful visit here. Independent Zimbabwe strikes me as a success in modern Africa.

With very best wishes,

The Rt., Hon. Sir Humphrey Gibbs, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., O.B.E.



BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION  
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The ~~Att~~ <sup>Sir Humphrey</sup> Hon. O.B.E.

Shelia Waghorn C.O.B.

Cd. the girls please type  
this as a letter from

the PM to Sir Humphrey

Gibbs, then bring it to

the hotel for the PM to  
sign after lunch.

Charles



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From the Private Secretary

30 March 1989

Dear Mr Rook

The Prime Minister has asked  
me to thank you for your kind thought  
in sending her a copy of your publication  
'Commercial Agriculture in Zimbabwe  
1988/89' and to pass on her best wishes.

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P.A. Bearpark

Michael Rook, Esq.

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FROM AMBASSADOR  
 FOLLOWING FOR MISS WAGHORN  
 VISIT TO NAMIBIA

1. FOLLOWING IS FINAL MOVEMENTS SCHEDULE:

GULFSTREAM AIRCRAFT WINDHOEK - EROS

1. PRIME MINISTER
2. MR DENIS THATCHER
3. ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL
4. GENERAL PREM CHAND
5. SIR ROBIN RENWICK
6. MR POWELL
7. MR INGHAM
8. MR BAUERMEESTER (HEAD OF THE A-G'S OFFICE)
9. MR BEARPARK
10. MRS CRAWFORD
11. PA
12. MISS WAGHORN
- 13, 14 AND 15. DETECTIVES.

ALL THE ACCOMPANYING PRESS, MR BATES, MR MERCER, MISS ALLIOTT (EMBASSY) AND ONE DETECTIVE WILL TRAVEL IN TWO BEECHCRAFT AIRCRAFT. CAR SCHEDULE.

EROS AIRPORT TO LUNCH WITH THE UK SIGNALS CONTINGENT AT LEOPARD VALLEY IN WINDHOEK. THE PRESS BUS WITH AN ESCORTING SIGNALS LANDROVER WILL DEPART FIRST. THEN:

CAR NO 1 - RANGE ROVER WITH FLAG. PRIME MINISTER, GENERAL PREM CHAND AND UK DETECTIVE.

CAR NO 2. MR THATCHER, HM AMBASSADOR AND UK DETECTIVE

CAR NO 3. MR INGHAM, MR POWELL, MR WALLIS.

MINIBUS. MR BEARPARK, MRS CRAWFORD, PA, MR POSTON, EMBASSY, MISS ALLIOTT, EMBASSY AND MISS WAGHORN.

BUS. PRESS, MR BATES, MR MERCER AND MR GIBBS.

LT. COL. DONALDSON WILL BE IN THE LEAD LANDROVER TO INTRODUCE HIS FELLOW OFFICERS TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON ARRIVAL.

THE OTHER DETECTIVES WILL TRAVEL WITH THE SIGNALS ESCORT.

THE PRESS BUS WILL DEPART HQ SIGNALS AT 1340 FOR EROS AIRPORT FOR LUNCH AND TAKE OFF TO ROSSING.



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CAR SCHEDULE FOR TRANSPORT FROM UK SIGNALS CONTINGENT TO EROS AIRPORT  
FOR REST OF PARTY: AS ABOVE.

FOR THE FLIGHT FROM EROS AIRPORT TO ROSSING, THE TRANSPORT SCHEDULE  
WILL BE: ROSSING AIRCRAFT: PRIME MINISTER, MR DENIS THATCHER, DR  
NGAVIRUE (CHAIRMAN OF ROSSING), MR GIBSON (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF  
ROSSING), SIR ROBIN RENWICK, MR POWELL AND UK DETECTIVE.

GULFSTREAM, ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY.  
TWO BEECHCRAFT, WITH MR BATES, MR MERCER, MR GIBBS AND PRESS WILL  
ALREADY HAVE DEPARTED AT 1415 FOR ROSSING.

AT ROSSING THE TRANSPORT SCHEDULE WILL BE:  
RANGE ROVER. PRIME MINISTER, DR BATES, MANAGING DIRECTOR AND UK  
DETECTIVE.

MINIBUS NO 1. MR THATCHER, DR KESLER (ROSSING), MR GIBSON (ROSSING),  
HM AMBASSADOR, MR POWELL, MR INGHAM AND UK DETECTIVE.

MINIBUS 2. MR BEARPARK, MRS CRAWFORD, PA, MISS ALLIOTT AND MISS  
WAGHORN.

BUS. PRESS, MR BATES, MR MERCER AND MR GIBBS.

THE OTHER DETECTIVES WILL TRAVEL WITH THE MINE SECURITY VEHICLES.  
FROM ROSSING AIRPORT TO EROS. THE PRIME MINISTER AND ALL HER PARTY  
WILL TRAVEL BY GULFSTREAM: THE PRESS BY TWO BEECHCRAFT.

EROS AIRPORT TO BRITISH LIAISON OFFICE, WINDHOEK.

CAR NO 1 (ROLLS ROYCE). PRIME MINISTER, HM AMBASSADOR AND UK  
DETECTIVE.

CAR NO 2 (RANGE ROVER). MR THATCHER, MR WALLIS AND UK DETECTIVE.

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THE OTHER DETECTIVES WILL ACCOMPANY THE UK SIGNALS ESCORT.

THE CAR SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTURE TO WINDHOEK AIRPORT WILL BE AS ABOVE.

MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, MR LOUIS PIENAAR, THE UN FORCE  
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR MARTI AHTISAARI, AND THE UN FORCE

COMMANDER, GENERAL PREM CHAND, AT 1800 HOURS

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN THE MEETING:

PRIME MINISTER, SIR ROBIN RENWICK, MR POWELL AND MR PETER WALLIS  
(HEAD OF THE BRITISH LIAISON OFFICE, WINDHOEK).

2. DRINKS WILL BE ARRANGED, SEPARATELY, FOR:

MR DENIS THATCHER, LADY RENWICK, MR INGHAM, MRS WALLIS, MR BEARPARK,  
MRS CRAWFORD, MR POSTON (EMBASSY), MISS ALLIOTT (EMBASSY) AND MISS  
WAGHORN.

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FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY

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AND TO IMMEDIATE HARARE

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM BLO WINDHOEK:

FM BLO WINDHOEK  
TO CABINET OFFICE LONDON  
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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR CABINET OFFICE (FOR PRIME MINISTERS PARTY IN HARARE)

FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR MISS WAGHORN, CONFERENCE SECTION

1. WE PRESUME RAF ARE SEEKING FLIGHT CLEARANCE DIRECT
  2. CULOTTES INDISPENSABLE FOR VISITS TO SIGNALS AND ROSSING
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*Mr Powell*

*para 1. When you give authority F.C.O. will send out telegrams seeking dipclears for VC10. Sgt Ldr Houston will take further action with H21 Group.*

*para 2. I shall tell Mrs Crawford.*

*Chris Waghorn  
29 March 1989*



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FOLLOWING FOR MISS WAGHORN  
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1. FOLLOWING WILL BE CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS THROUGHOUT THE DAY:  
(A) BRITISH OFFICE AT WINDHOEK AIRPORT: 0626-211  
(B) EROS AIRPORT (WHICH THE PARTY WILL BE TRANSITTING AT 1300, 1430 AND 1730 HOURS): 061-36460  
(C) HQ SIGNALS LEOPARD VALLEY (1300-1420 HOURS): 061 51436  
(D) ROSSING AIRPORT (1500 AND 1700 HOURS): 0641 592412  
(E) ROSSING MINE (1500-1700 HOURS): 0641 592316  
(F) MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND OTHERS (1800-1900): 061 37390.
2. FOR THE PRESS PARTY, AFTER PHOTOGRAPHING THE BEGINNING OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH WITH THE SIGNALS, WE ARE PLANNING TO MOVE THEM TO EROS AIRPORT SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE LUNCH THERE BEFORE TAKE-OFF FOR ROSSING.
3. THE PRIVATE OFFICE WILL BE SET UP IN THE UNTAG BUILDING AT WINDHOEK AIRPORT. WE HAVE ONE INTERNATIONAL DIRECT DIALLING LINE AND ARE SEEKING ANOTHER, PLUS A DIRECT SATELLITE TELEPHONE LINK TO THE UK. AS THIS OFFICE IS PRETTY SPARTAN, WE WILL ALSO HAVE A ROOM AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN AIRPORT BUILDING WHERE THE PARTY REMAINING AT THE AIRPORT WILL BE HAVING THEIR MEALS. SQUADRON LEADER SNELL (RAF), WHO IS SERVING WITH UNTAG AND WHO WILL BE KNOWN TO NO 10 AS FLIGHT COMMANDER ON PREVIOUS TOURS, AND MRS MCDOWELL WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS AT WINDHOEK AIRPORT.
4. FINAL VERSIONS OF THE PROGRAMME AND MOVEMENTS SCHEDULE WILL BE SENT TO BLANTYRE

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PLEASE PASS TO HARARE FOR PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY.

PRIME MINISTER: VISIT TO NAMIBIA.

1. THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND GENERAL PREM CHAND, THE UN FORCE COMMANDER, WILL BE VERY GLAD TO WELCOME THE PRIME MINISTER HERE ON SATURDAY. THEY WOULD MEET THE PRIME MINISTER ON ARRIVAL AT WINDHOEK OR EROS AIRPORT. GENERAL PREM CHAND WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO ACCOMPANY HER TO THE LUNCH WITH THE SIGNALS (THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL WOULD NOT ATTEND THIS).
2. COL DONALDSON, THE OFFICER COMMANDING SIGNALS REGIMENT, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ROSSING ARE HELPING TO MAKE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS. THEY ARE AWARE THAT A DECISION WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL FRIDAY.
3. WHEN AHTISAARI ARRIVES ON FRIDAY MORNING, HE IS LIKELY TO BE GREETED BY LARGE SWAPO CROWDS DEMONSTRATING IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSCR 435. THERE WILL BE SWAPO AND DTA RALLIES IN WINDHOEK ON SATURDAY. PIK BOTHA AND GENERAL MALAN ALSO WILL BE HERE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND SATURDAY. THEY WILL BE GOING TO THE BORDER FOR THE PRISONER EXCHANGE WITH THE ANGOLANS AND CUBANS ON FRIDAY. THEY WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME, EXCEPT FOR THE MEETING WITH PIK BOTHA AT THE AIRPORT ON DEPARTURE.
4. ROSSING WOULD WANT TO FLY THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE MINE IN THEIR OWN PLANE AND THAT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE REVISED MOVEMENTS SCHEDULE WHICH IS BEING SENT TO THE PARTY IN BLANTYRE. PROVIDED FRIDAY'S EVENTS PASS OFF PEACEFULLY, A VISIT SHOULD BE FEASIBLE. I WILL REPORT FURTHER THEN. BY THIS STAGE THERE IS BOUND TO BE A LOT OF SPECULATION, BUT WE SHOULD DO NOTHING TO CONFIRM IT UNTIL SATURDAY

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cc MR. POWELL

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FOR PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY IN BLANTYRE

FOLLOWING FOR BERNARD INGHAM

PRIME MINISTER: VISIT TO NAMIBIA: PRESS KIT

1. WE SHALL BE PROVIDING A FULL KIT FOR THE JOURNALISTS ACCOMPANYING THE PRIME MINISTER. YOU MAY WISH TO GIVE THEM ON THE PLANE FROM BLANTYRE TO WINDHOEK THE PAPERS IN MIFT ON THE THIRTIETH SIGNALS REGIMENT, WITH WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE HAVING LUNCH, AND THE UN PLAN FOR NAMIBIA. WE WILL HAVE EXTRA COPIES AVAILABLE AS NECESSARY ON ARRIVAL. PLEASE PASS ALSO TO CHARLES POWELL.
2. YOU ALREADY HAVE FACT SHEETS ABOUT ROSSING. THESE WILL BE INCORPORATED IN A FULL BRIEFING KIT WHICH ROSSING WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE PRESS ON THE FLIGHT TO THE MINE. WE SHOULD AVOID PUBLICISING IN ADVANCE THE VISIT TO ROSSING.
3. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT IN CAPE TOWN TELNO 149. THIS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PRESS BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND OTHERS, TO GIVE THEM TIME TO FILE THEIR STORIES.
4. ON THE DAY WE WILL HAVE SOME OF THE LOCAL BRITISH CORRESPONDENTS CLAMOURING TO JOIN THE PARTY. WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM. THERE WILL ALSO BE AGENCY PHOTOGRAPHERS.
5. ANY REPLY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO BLO WINDHOEK (WINDH). WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

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FOR PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY IN BLANTYRE

✓ FOLLOWING FOR BERNARD INGHAM

MIPT: NAMIBIA: PRESS KIT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE PAPERS WHICH COULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PRESS AFTER TAKEOFF FROM BLANTYRE: BEGINS.

30TH SIGNALS REGIMENT

THE 30TH SIGNALS REGIMENT, NORMALLY BASED AT BLANDFORD IN DORSET, IS CURRENTLY IN NAMIBIA, PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MULTI-NATIONAL UNITED NATIONS FORCE HELPING THE COUNTRY ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE.

THE FORCE, THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITION ASSISTANCE GROUP (UNTAG), ASSUMES ITS FULL FUNCTIONS TODAY 1 APRIL 1989, AND WILL SUPPORT THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISING THE PROCESS OF TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA. ITS TASKS WILL INCLUDE MONITORING THE DEMOBILISATION AND RESTRICTION TO BASES OF LOCAL FORCES, SUPERVISING AND REGULATING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, AND SAFEGUARDING INDEPENDENT, FREE ELECTIONS.

THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION WILL BE TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS FOR UNTAG THROUGHOUT NAMIBIA INCLUDING RADIO LINKS CONNECTING THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF UNTAG, AND A SATELLITE REAR LINK TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

IN ADDITION TO SOPHISTICATED RADIO EQUIPMENT, THE UNIT HAS ITS OWN SPECIALLY REINFORCED LAND ROVERS, PAINTED IN THE UN COLOURS (WHITE) AND GENERATORS TO SUPPLY POWER IN ISOLATED LOCATIONS WHERE CONDITIONS VARY FROM SEMI-DESERT TO SWAMPLAND IN A COUNTRY THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF BRITAIN.

THE CONTINGENT IS LED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL NEIL DONALDSON, 41. THE ADVANCE PARTY, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN IN NAMIBIA FOR THREE WEEKS, WAS LED BY LIEUTENANT PHILIPPA OWENS OF THE WOMENS' ROYAL ARMY CORPS. THE CONTINGENT CURRENTLY NUMBERS 82, WITH A FURTHER 88 EXPECTED ON 5 APRIL. THEY ARE BASED AT LEOPARDS VALLEY, ABOUT 10 KMS SOUTH OF WINDHOEK, WITH OUTLYING BASES ESTABLISHED AT OSHAKATI, RUNDU AND GROOTFONTEIN IN THE NORTH AND AT KEETMANSHOOP IN THE SOUTH. ADDITIONAL BASES WILL BE SET UP AT OKAHANDJA IN THE NORTH AND SWAKOPMUND ON THE COAST.

THE 30TH SIGNALS REGIMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED OPERATIONS IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN 1982, THE MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE TO THE LEBANON IN 1982 AND 1983, AND THE TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE FROM DECEMBER 1979 TO APRIL 1980. ENDS.

2. BEGINS.

THE UNITED NATIONS PLAN FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE

AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND CANADA, ON 29 SEPTEMBER 1978 THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ADOPTED SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION (SCR) 435 LAYING DOWN A PLAN FOR UN SUPERVISED ELECTIONS LEADING TO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA.

EARLIER NEGOTIATING EFFORTS TO SECURE AGREEMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN SCR 435 FAILED. IN THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, A SERIES OF TALKS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN ANGOLA, CUBA AND SOUTH AFRICA UNDER THE MEDIATION OF US ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DR CHESTER CROCKER. THESE TALKS WERE LAUNCHED AT A MEETING IN LONDON ON 2 - 4 MAY. ON 22 DECEMBER 1988 THE PARTIES REACHED AGREEMENT ON A TIMETABLE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF CUBAN FORCES FROM ANGOLA AND ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN PLAN FOR NAMIBIA, STARTING ON 1 APRIL 1989.

THE HOLDING OF FREE ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA UNDER SCR 435 WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITION ASSISTANCE GROUP (UNTAG). UNTAG BEGAN DEPLOYING IN EARLY MARCH. AMONG THE FIRST TO ARRIVE WAS A BRITISH CONTINGENT FROM THE 30TH SIGNALS REGIMENT LED BY LIEUTENANT PHILIPPA OWENS. THE SIGNALS WILL PROVIDE THE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOR UNTAG.

THE "TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY", WHICH WAS NEVER INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED, WAS DISBANDED ON 28 FEBRUARY. UNTIL INDEPENDENCE, THE TERRITORY WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, MR LOUIS PIENAAR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MR MARTI AHTISAARI, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE INTER ALIA FOR ENSURING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FREE ELECTIONS. THESE ARE DUE TO BE HELD ON ABOUT 1 NOVEMBER. THOSE ELECTED WILL FORM A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL DEVISE A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR NAMIBIA, LEADING TO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED INDEPENDENCE NEXT YEAR.

THE BRITISH LIAISON OFFICE IN WINDHOEK OPENS TODAY, 1 APRIL 1989. ENDS.

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Please pass following DEDIP to Sir Robin Renwick

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To: BLO Windhoek (Windh)

From: Harare, High Commission

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Following for Sir Robin Renwick from Bernard Ingham

Re your DEDIP tel No.1 291500Z Mar and No.2 291515Z Mar 89.

1. Can confirm that copies of texts contained in your tel no.2 291515Z Mar 89 will be available for journalists after Blantyre.

Ingham

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Our Reference

Your Reference

R29/3 (Harare)

Thanked

30/3/89

29.3.89.

Dear Prime Minister,

As a great admirer of yours I humbly write to convey my respects and to welcome you to the land of my birth.

It had been my intention to call at the British High Commissioner's residence to sign the visitors book but have been unable to do so due to my pre-occupation as a commissioner on the Willowvale Inquiry into the distribution into motor vehicles and a ten day absence from Zimbabwe attending to some work in Malawi for His Excellency President Banda. I apologise to you and the British High Commissioner for the apparent discourtesy in not calling at the residence of the latter.

It is with great pleasure that I look forward to listening to your address at the opening of the Freda and Rebecca Gold Mines at Bindura tomorrow.

In closing may I express the wish that you will have an enjoyable and successful stay in Zimbabwe and Malawi and if I can at any time in the future be of service to you it will be esteemed an honour.

Yours respectfully  
Bob Stumber

CURRICULUM VITAE.

ROBERT ATHERSTONE STUMBLES

BORN . . : 1st September, 1934. Harare, Zimbabwe.  
(Third generation of the family in Zimbabwe).

ADDRESS : c/o Stumbles and Rowe, Legal Practitioners, Attornies,  
Notaries and Conveyancers, P.O. Box 495, Harare, Zimbabwe.  
OR  
c/o Sacranie Gow and Company, Legal Practitioners,  
Solicitors, Notaries and Conveyancers, P.O. Box 5133,  
Limbe, Malawi.

EDUCATION :

(a) Schools:

Blakiston Junior School and St. George's College, Harare.

(b) Universities:

1. Rhodes (South Africa) - B.A. (Law) Degree.
2. Oxford (England) - B.A. Honours (Law) Degree  
and thereafter M.A. Degree.

(c) Further Studies:

- (i) Studied for the Bar at Grays Inn, London.
- (ii) Admitted as Legal Practitioner in Zimbabwe 1964.
- (iii) Admitted as Legal Practitioner in Malawi 1986.
- (iv) Admitted as Legal Practitioner in Botswana 1988.

BUSINESS:

1. Joined legal firm of Stumbles and Rowe (founded 1928), 1960.  
Currently senior partner in the firm in Zimbabwe and sole  
proprietor of the firm of Sacranie Gow and Company in Malawi  
and concentrate on corporate law, company formation, joint venture  
and other agreements for Zimbabwean, Malawian and international  
corporations and clients (American, Australian, Austrian, Belgian,  
Botswanan, British, Canadian, French, German, Italian, Netherlands,  
Spanish, Swiss, etc).

2. Chairman and Director of Gulliver Consolidated Limited, a public Company whose subsidiaries are mainly machine and equipment orientated. Amongst the major activities of the Gulliver Group are road, bridge and dam construction in Southern African countries.
3. Director of various other companies in Zimbabwe.
4. Trustee of several trusts.

HONORARY LEGAL SERVICE:

1. Member of Judicial Service Commission of Zimbabwe since 1985.
2. Diocesan Registrar (Legal Adviser) for the Diocese of Harare since 1972.
3. Attended Constitutional Talk leading to March 3rd 1978 Agreement Rhodesia/Zimbabwe.
4. Appointed Member of Constitutional Committee to draft 1978 Constitution of Zimbabwe.
5. Trustee and Honorary Legal Adviser to various organisations.
6. *Appointed a member of the President's three-member Commission of Inquiry into the distribution of motor vehicles from Willowvale, Zimbabwe 1985/89.*

OTHER CURRENT INTERESTS:

1. Disabled:
  - (a) Chairman of the National Association of Societies for the Care of the Handicapped (NASCOH), officially recognised by Government as the umbrella association of and for the disabled and prevention of disability. Has 35 non-governmental organisations as members. Appointed April, 1979
  - (b) Honorary Editor of African Rehabilitation Journal since 1983 when Journal first published.
2. Member of Rotary Club of Harare Central since 1977. President 1979/1980.
3. Member of 41 Club (comprising ex Round Tablers).
4. Made Founder of "Fellows Club" (an organisation established in his honour during the Annual International Conference of the World Council



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2. Disabled:
  - (a) Drew up Constitution for and became Founder Member of National Executive Committee of Paraplegic Association 1963;
  - (b) Attended Paraplegic Games in Israel as an Escort to Rhodesian National Paraplegic Team, 1968;

- (c) Chairman of Zimbabwe International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP) Committee 1981;
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Past Chairman and Member of several Schools Parent Teachers Associations and Advisory Council.
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  - (b) Past Member Outward Bound National Council;
  - (c) Past Member of Advisory Board of Salvation Army, Mashonaland 1973 to 1985.
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- (a) Chairman of Salisbury (Harare) Round Table No. 1 - 1969;
  - (b) President of Association of Round Tables in Central Africa (ARTCA), comprising Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Botswana, Swaziland and Mocambique - 1970/71;
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  - (d) Member of ARTCA Centre for Race Relations Liaison Committee (liaison between University, Round Tables, Trustees of Trust Fund in Zimbabwe and U.K.) 1971 - 1976 (Convenor 1971/72);

- (e) Appointed Trustee of Round Table Race Relations Endowment Trust 1972. Became Vice-Chairman 1982 and Chairman 1986. (Trust Fund exists to control money for research into harmonious race relations);
- (f) Made Honorary Life Member of ARTCA 1975 (Highest Award). Only 3 Founder Members of Round Table Central Africa given this honour 21 years previously in 1954);
- (g) Represented ARTCA and Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) at International Annual Conferences of the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs (WOCO) held in  
Copenhagen (Denmark) 1970  
Melbourne (Australia) 1971  
Rimini (Italy) 1972  
Brugge (Belgium) 1973  
Edinburgh (Scotland) 1974  
Hong Kong 1975

(WOCO is an international organisation comprising Apex Clubs, Active 20/30 Clubs, J.C.'s Clubs, Kin Clubs and Round Table throughout the world);

- (h) Elected Vice-President World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs at Annual Conference in Rimini, Italy 1972;
- (i) Elected World President of World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs at Annual Conference in Brugge, Belgium 1973. First Zimbabwean (Rhodesian) ever to become leader of a world organisation;
- (j) Has travelled to 42 countries. Main theme as World President was better human understanding through breaking down of political and racial barriers.

6. Sports:

- (a) Tennis Singles Champion Old Georgian Sports Club 1968;
- (b) Represented Southern Rhodesia at Athletics.

FAMILY:

- (a) Married 1960 to Pamela-Anne Mason, professional pianist (L.R.A.M.; A.R.C.M.; L.T.C.L.; A.T.C.L.; L.R.S.M.);
- (b) Three children - a daughter and two sons.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 March 1989

Dear Prime Minister,

I write to convey my profound gratitude for Your Excellency's kind invitation to me to visit Morocco and for the great personal courtesy which you extended to me during my stay. I am sorry that we did not have an opportunity to speak at greater length because of the very brief duration of the visit. But I leave Morocco with a determination to strengthen our relations in every field.

I should be glad if Your Excellency would convey my great and profound gratitude to all those concerned with the arrangements for the visit, which were outstanding, for the great kindness and hospitality extended to me and all the members of my delegation.

Yours sincerely  
Magnum Dauter

His Excellency Dr. Azeddine Laraki.

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*on the Private Secretary*

29 March 1989

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 28 March. She was most grateful for your kind words of support and would like me to pass on her best wishes.

P.A. Bearpark

Mrs. Natalie Seager.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 March 1989

*Dear Madame Benhima,*

I am deeply grateful for all your kindness and consideration during my visit to Morocco, which added enormously to the pleasure of my brief stay. I shall always remember the unique privilege of our lunch with Her Royal Highness and the Royal Princesses, together with the magnificence of His Majesty's hospitality. I leave with the warmest and happiest memories of my visit - to which you contributed so much.

I do hope that you will let our Ambassador know when you are coming to London so that we can return your hospitality.

*Warm regards,*

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Barber*

Madame Aicha Benhima.

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PERSONAL FOR HEADS OF MISSION CAPE TOWN, PRETORIA AND WINDHOEK.  
MY TELNO 376: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NAMIBIA

1. I SPOKE ACCORDINGLY TO AHTISAARI TODAY 28 MARCH. LIKE THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL, HE WELCOMED THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT FROM THE  
PRIME MINISTER ON 1 APRIL.

2. AHTISAARI SAID THAT THE NEWS WAS NOT A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO HIM.  
HE SHOWED ME A MESSAGE FROM HIS INFORMATION OFFICER IN WINDHOEK,  
DATED TODAY 28 MARCH, WHICH REFERRED TO A RUMOUR CIRCULATING IN  
WINDHOEK THAT THE PRIME MINISTER INTENDED TO COME THERE ON OR ABOUT  
1 APRIL. AHTISAARI SAID THAT IN SPITE OF THIS, HE WOULD SAY NOTHING  
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT UNTIL HE HAD FURTHER NEWS. HE  
HIMSELF WOULD BE ARRIVING IN WINDHOEK ON A SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS  
FLIGHT FROM FRANKFURT EARLY ON 31 MARCH.

3. AHTISAARI ALSO SHOWED ME A SKETCH OF THE LIKELY TIMETABLE FOR 1  
APRIL. IT SHOULD CERTAINLY BE A FESTIVE DAY WITH A SUCCESSION OF  
CEREMONIES AND A NON-STOP ROCK MUSIC SESSION IN THE WINDHOEK  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

28 March 1989

Dear Monsieur Maaninou,

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With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur Saadek Maaninou

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PERSONAL FOR HEADS OF MISSION CAPE TOWN, PRETORIA AND WINDHOEK.  
MY TELNO 376: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NAMIBIA

1. I SPOKE ACCORDINGLY TO AHTISAARI TODAY 28 MARCH. LIKE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, HE WELCOMED THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER ON 1 APRIL.
2. AHTISAARI SAID THAT THE NEWS WAS NOT A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO HIM. HE SHOWED ME A MESSAGE FROM HIS INFORMATION OFFICER IN WINDHOEK, DATED TODAY 28 MARCH, WHICH REFERRED TO A RUMOUR CIRCULATING IN WINDHOEK THAT THE PRIME MINISTER INTENDED TO COME THERE ON OR ABOUT 1 APRIL. AHTISAARI SAID THAT IN SPITE OF THIS, HE WOULD SAY NOTHING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT UNTIL HE HAD FURTHER NEWS. HE HIMSELF WOULD BE ARRIVING IN WINDHOEK ON A SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT FROM FRANKFURT EARLY ON 31 MARCH.
3. AHTISAARI ALSO SHOWED ME A SKETCH OF THE LIKELY TIMETABLE FOR 1 APRIL. IT SHOULD CERTAINLY BE A FESTIVE DAY WITH A SUCCESSION OF CEREMONIES AND A NON-STOP ROCK MUSIC SESSION IN THE WINDHOEK STADIUM.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur Saadek Maaninou

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LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

28 March 1989

Dear Monsieur M'Rini,

I write to convey my warmest gratitude for the excellent arrangements made for my brief visit to Morocco. We were shown every possible kindness and consideration, together with outstandingly warm and generous hospitality. I am most grateful for your personal contribution to this, as well as for the great efforts made by all those concerned with my programme. I leave Morocco with the happiest memories.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

Monsieur Abdelhaq M'Rini.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

28 March 1989

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*Dear Mr. Shakespeare,*

I am most grateful for all the work which you and your staff put into my visit to Morocco. I thoroughly enjoyed my short time in Marrakech and hope that it has advanced our relations and helped your own work. I am sorry that the talks with the King did not lead to anything more specific on the trade front, but perhaps something will emerge in the next days and weeks. I shall, of course, arrange for the various other points which the King raised with me to be followed up.

Please thank your wife and all your staff on my behalf for their tremendous work which I very much appreciated.

*Best wishes,*

*Your sincerely*  
*Roger M. L. ...*

His Excellency Mr. J. W. R. Shakespeare, C.M.G., L.V.O.

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T628/89

10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

28 March 1989

Your Majesty,

I write to convey my warmest and most profound gratitude for the kindness and generosity shown to me during my all too brief visit to Morocco. The infinite trouble which you took, Sir, to make us welcome and the unrivalled hospitality which we received have left a deep impression. It was a unique privilege to be received by Her Royal Highness and the other members of Your Majesty's family, and our lunch together was a truly delightful occasion which will be among my happiest memories.

Your own splendid hospitality, Sir, both at dinner and throughout my visit, are deeply appreciated. The greatest satisfaction of all was the opportunity to continue the discussions on which we embarked during Your Majesty's State Visit to the United Kingdom in 1987. Once again, I drew immense benefit from your unrivalled wisdom and experience of international affairs, particularly in the Middle East but also more widely.

I shall of course follow up the various specific points which Your Majesty raised and will convey my response through the channels which we have established. I shall follow with particular interest Your Majesty's intention to convene a further Arab Summit. I very much hope that we can remain in touch on the progress of efforts to start peace negotiations in what promises to be a crucial year.

May I take the opportunity to renew my invitation to His Royal Highness The Crown Prince to visit the United Kingdom as the guest of Her Majesty's Government next year.

Finally, may I express my deep personal gratitude and that of my husband for Your Majesty's most thoughtful and generous gifts, which will give us the greatest pleasure. May I also ask that my warmest and most respectful greetings be conveyed to Her Royal Highness, with my thanks for the most elegant and beautiful presents which she so kindly sent.

I thank Your Majesty once more with all my heart.

With warm and respectful regards,

Yours sincerely

Rayana Shalita

His Majesty King Hassan II.





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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

29 March 1989

Dear Monsieur Hammouti,

I write to express my profound gratitude for the hospitality of the Hotel Mamounia during my short stay in Marrakech and for your own personal courtesy. We were all made to feel very welcome and comfortable. It was of course a particular pleasure to stay there both because of the Hotel's outstanding reputation and its particular and very distinguished connection with Britain through Sir Winston Churchill.

I should be most pleased if you would convey my appreciation to all the members of the Hotel's staff.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur Mohammed Hammouti.

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Received in  
Harare

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Nelson Fams

P. Bag 3710  
Marondera

28/3/89.

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

I am overjoyed that you are visiting Zimbabwe as it gives me a chance to write & tell you how much I (and all my family) admire you & your general attitude in this troubled world today.

I have meant, on countless occasions, hearing you speak on the World Services of the B.B.C.; to write to tell you what an inspiration you are to your expatriates living in Zimbabwe today - and two interviews you had with 2 reporters, broadcast on the B.B.C. on Friday morning, prior to this visit decided me - as I can slip this into the High Commission when in Harare tomorrow with the hope they will hand it to you before you leave. Sadly I no longer move in the diplomatic circles as in the past, but do feel sure that although we

may have changed to Zimbabwe passports for political reasons, we are all truly British at heart & treasure our nationality.

To hear your voice ring out clear & true makes me feel Britain is still a force to be reckoned with, and a rightful leader in the world today.

I have lived in this country since 1946, when I came out to marry. I love the country & its people & would never wish to leave. Since 1980 there has been time reconciliation on all sides - I can hardly comment as I lost 1000 head of cattle stolen during the war, but am still ranching with a rebuilt herd.

I hope you enjoy your visit, albeit far too short & come back again one day on a more leisurely stay.

Keep up your magnificent work in all you do.

Very Sincerely  
Kathie Seager

PRIME MINISTER  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T62A/89



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10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

28 March 1989

Dear Mr. President:

It was immensely kind and courteous of you to receive me at the airport in Lagos today. I was very pleased that we were able to have such a good talk and confirm how well the relations between Britain and Nigeria stand, and how much we are looking forward to your State Visit, which will undoubtedly be a great success. May I thank you also for your very kind words at the press conference, which I greatly appreciated.

I congratulate you once more on the firm and courageous economic policies which you have adopted. I am glad that Britain has been able to make a contribution to them.

I look forward to continuing our discussions when you come to London in May. Meanwhile, Denis joins me in sending you and Mrs Babangida our very warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, CFR.

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10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

28 March 1989

Dear Comtesse,

I am most grateful to you for showing me round the Villa Taylor yesterday afternoon. There is no greater pleasure in this world than the sight of happy and well cared for children; and the skill and dedication of yourself and all concerned with the Villa could have no higher tribute than the obvious contentment of the children I met.

Madame la Comtesse I heard what you said about the need for money; and will see what I can do to pass the message on when I return to the United Kingdom. Meanwhile, I wish you every possible success with your work: I know you deserve it.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
A. H. H. H.

Madame la Comtesse de Breteuil

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10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

28 March 1989

Dear Colonel,

Thank you very much indeed for all the arrangements you made for my visit to your base yesterday afternoon. Our visit to Marrakesh was all too short; but I am most grateful to you, and all your officers and men, for the effort you made to show me the work of your training school. It is a most impressive establishment, and I feel sure that the high quality of your teaching will be reflected in the performance of your students when they graduate.

I very much hope to come to Marrakesh again one day, for a rather more leisurely visit. Meanwhile I am taking away many happy memories.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Denis Healey

Monsieur le Colonel Mush

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FOLLOWING FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM CHARLES POWELL

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S THANK YOU LETTER TO  
PRESIDENT BABANGIDA. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DELIVER IT AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.

BEGINS:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

IT WAS IMMENSELY KIND AND COURTEOUS OF YOU TO RECEIVE ME  
AT THE AIRPORT IN LAGOS TODAY. I WAS VERY PLEASED THAT WE WERE  
ABLE TO HAVE SUCH A GOOD TALK AND CONFIRM HOW WELL THE RELATIONS  
BETWEEN BRITAIN AND NIGERIA STAND, AND HOW MUCH WE ARE LOOKING  
FORWARD TO YOUR STATE VISIT, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A GREAT  
SUCCESS. MAY I THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR VERY KIND WORDS AT THE  
PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH I GREATLY APPRECIATED.

I CONGRATULATE YOU ONCE MORE ON THE FIRM AND COURAGEOUS  
ECONOMIC POLICIES WHICH YOU HAVE ADOPTED. I AM GLAD THAT BRITAIN  
HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THEM.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSIONS WHEN YOU COME  
TO LONDON IN MAY. MEANWHILE, DENIS JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU AND  
MRS BABANGIDA OUR VERY WARM GOOD WISHES.

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA, CFR.

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Telegram  
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Lagos  
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Following for High Commissioner from Charles Powell

Following is text of Prime Minister's thank you letter to  
President Babangida. Grateful if you would deliver it as soon as  
possible. Signed original will follow.



Reference .....

Private Secretary

*Handwritten initials: JMT  
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Miss Waghorn, Protocol Officer

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ZIMBABWE: THANK  
YOU LETTERS

1. I attach a list of proposed recipients  
of thank you letters.

*N Thorpe*

28 March 1989

N J Thorpe



PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: LIST OF RECIPIENTS OF THANK YOU LETTERS

(recipient [function]; correct name; address; mode of address)

1. President Mugabe [host]; His Excellency Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe; forward via diplomatic channel; "President Mugabe".
- \* 2. Mr Garwe [Chief of Protocol]; Mr E R Garwe, Chief of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Zimbabwe; forward via British High Commission; "Mr Garwe".  
CDP (27)
3. High Commissioner; HE Mr M R Melhuish CMG; forward via FCO; "High Commissioner".  
CDP (36)
4. Mr Ross [Representative, The British Council, Harare]; N Ross Esq, Representative, The British Council, Harare, Zimbabwe; forward via British High Commission; "Mr Ross".  
PAB ✓
5. Brigadier Toyne Sewell [Commander BMATT]; Brigadier T P Toyne Sewell, Commander, British Military Advisory and Training Team, BFPO 7; "Brigadier".  
CDP (39)
6. Lt Col Kerruish [Commanding Officer, BMATT at Nyanga]; Lt Col G P Kerruish RRW, SO1 BSS/MTT, BMATT, BFPO 7; "Colonel".  
CDP (48)
- \* 7. Major Silverside [Commanding Officer, Mozambique Training Team]; Major T G W Silverside RWF, Officer Commanding MTT, BMATT, BFPO 7; "Major Silverside".  
CDP (53)
8. Mr Negonde [Provincial Administrator, Mashonaland Central]; Mr A M Negonde, Provincial Administrator for Mashonaland Central; forward via British High Commission; "Mr Negonde".  
PAB ✓
9. Mr Chireka [Assistant District Administrator, Mount Darwin]; Mr E W Chireka, Assistant District Administrator, Mount Darwin; forward via British High Commission; "Mr Chireka".  
PAB ✓
10. Mr Bandason [Headmaster of Chomagora School]; Mr B Bandason, Headmaster, Chomagora School, Mount Darwin, Zimbabwe; forward via British High Commission; "Mr Bandason".  
PAB ✓
11. Mr Graham [Managing Director, Cluff Mineral Exploration (Zimbabwe) Limited]; Mr N Graham, Managing Director, Cluff Mineral Exploration (Zimbabwe) Limited, Harare, Zimbabwe; forward via British High Commission; "Mr Graham".  
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(Letters marked thus \* could be sent by the Private Secretary)

9 1/2 DREW ROAD  
The Grange  
P.O. CHISBITE  
HARARE  
Zimbabwe.

28<sup>th</sup> March 1989.

Dear Mrs. Thatcher  
I wish to extend a very warm  
welcome to you & your husband  
on your state visit to Zimbabwe  
I really wanted to line the route  
from the airport & wave a British  
flag in your honour but I am  
unaware of the actual time of  
your arrival to-day.  
You will I am sure be enchanted  
with everything you see during your  
visit. This is a most beautiful  
country & my husband & I love  
it dearly. I have lived here nearly  
40 years & my husband & I have  
60 years on marriage & my husband  
& we have seen many  
invariable changes during that time.  
Our three children were born here  
but sadly enough have left the  
country since Independence.

I especially wish to congratulate you on your friendly terms with our Prime Minister Mr. Mugabe but also on your firm stand against further sanctions against South Africa, which would be disastrous.

I thoroughly endorse your political views both at home & abroad. Please remain in office for a further term as there is no one of your calibre to replace you & it is essential to have a firm hand at the helm in these momentous days. You are cast in the Churchill mould!

Yours will find very little polution in Zimbabwe. My husband & I were both serving members of the Forces in World War II. With best wishes for your work to Zimbabwe.  
Yours sincerely,  
Ann Arkwright

(British passport-holder)

Descendants of Sir Richard Arkwright of the Industrial Revolution

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PLEASE PASS URGENTLY TO THE PRIME MINISTERS PARTY ABOARD THE  
AIRCRAFT.

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FM CAPE TOWN EMBASSY  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
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AND TO IMMEDIATE HARARE, LUSAKA, MAPUTO, LILONGWE, RABAT  
AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, MOD  
INFO IMMEDIATE PRETORIA

SOUTH AFRICA: COMMUNICATIONS

.. FROM MID-DAY ON TUESDAY 28 MARCH UNTIL THE MORNING OF 01

~~APRIL~~ APRIL 1 AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF MY STAFF WILL BE IN WINHOEK FOR  
THE BEGINNING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN SETTLEMENT PLAN. DURING  
THIS PERIOD IMPORTANT TELEGRAMS ADDRESSED TO THE EMBASSY IN  
CAPE TOWN SHOULD, PLEASE, BE REPEATED TO US BY ADDRESSING THEM  
ALSO TO MODUK MARKED FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE UK SIGNALS CONTINGENT  
IN WINDHOEK (COMBRITCOUN NAMIBIA).

2. PLEASE ADVANCE TO PRIVATE SECRETARY, HEAD OF COD, HEAD OF  
SAFD AND DUTY CLERK NO 10.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
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MY TELNO 158: PRIME MINISTER: VISIT TO NAMIBIA

1. ON NO 10'S INSTRUCTIONS, I SPOKE TO PIK BOTHA TO TELL HIM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD WELCOME A MEETING WITH HIM ON HER DEPARTURE FROM NAMIBIA AT WINDHOEK AIRPORT AT 1930 HOURS ON SATURDAY 1 APRIL, IF SHE DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH A VISIT THERE. SHE WOULD NOT WISH HIM TO BE INVOLVED IN THE REMAINDER OF THE VISIT OR IN MEETING HER ON ARRIVAL.
2. PIK BOTHA SAID THAT HE WAS ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH THIS. HIS CONCERN WAS TO HAVE THE CHANCE FOR A TALK WITH THE PRIME MINISTER BEFORE SHE LEFT. I MADE CLEAR THAT THE MEETING WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL IT WAS TAKING PLACE.
3. THIS WILL ENTAIL REVISING THE DEPARTURE TIME FROM WINDHOEK AIRPORT TO 2030 HOURS.
4. RESIDENT CLERK PLEASE PASS TO NO 10 AND MISS WAGHORN, CONFERENCE SECTION, FCO.

RENWICK

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PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr. Ingham

Mr. Bearpark

POSSIBLE VISIT TO NAMIBIA

We have drawn up contingency plans for your possible visit to Namibia on Saturday 1 April. We shall only take a decision whether to go ahead a day or so beforehand.

I attach:

- an outline programme for the visit
- briefing on Namibia, on the UN plan and on the Rossing mine
- a draft statement to be issued to the press towards the end of your visit (we do not envisage a press conference).

The weather in Namibia will be hot, probably 80-90 degrees. Conditions will be fairly basic. The Signals contingent are living in tents in a rough and ready camp and will give you lunch in a wooden hut. You will need low-heeled shoes for the visit to the army camp and the mine. There will be time for you to change after the visit to Rossing and before the meeting with the Administrator-General and others.

The importance of your visit will lie in the fact that you are going, your support for the implementation of UN SCR 435 and your backing for the role of private investment in Southern Africa (evidenced in your visit to Rossing), particularly the way in which it sets standards for housing and welfare of employees regardless of race and colour.

You will want to use your meeting with the Administrator-General, the UN Secretary-General's representative and General Prem Chand to ask for their assessment of their tasks and the prospects of holding genuinely free and fair elections.

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C. D. POWELL

24 March 1989

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PROGRAMME IN NAMIBIA

- 1230 Arrive Windhoek Airport.  
Met by HM Ambassador.  
Prime Minister and party will transfer immediately to Gulfstream aircraft with HMA.  
The Press party will transfer to two Beechcraft aircraft.  
The other members of the party will set up the office at the airport.
- c1300 Arrive Eros Airport.  
Met by Lt. Col. Donaldson, Officer Commanding, the Signals Unit.  
Proceed by road (10 minutes) to the Signals Unit Base Headquarters at Leopard Valley.
- 1315 Lunch with the U.K. Signals Unit.
- 1400 Press party depart for Eros Airport to fly in two Beechcraft Aircraft to Arandis Airport, Rossing, to arrive before the Prime Minister's party.
- 1420 Prime Minister's party depart U.K. Signals Headquarters for Eros Airport.
- 1430 Prime Minister and party, with Dr. Z. Ngavirue, Chairman and Mr. Craig Gibson, Deputy Chairman, depart by air for Arandis Airport, Rossing.
- 1500 Prime Minister arrives at Arandis Airport.  
Met by Dr. Michael Bates, Managing Director of Rossing.
- 1515-1645 Visit to the mine and meet Rossing personnel.
- 1645 Leave Rossing for Arandis Airport.

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- 1700 Leave Arandis Airport for Eros Airport, Windhoek.
- 1730 Arrive Eros Airport.  
Drive into Windhoek to open British Liaison Office.
- 1800 Meeting with the Administrator-General, Mr. Louis Pienaar, the U.N. Special Representative, Mr. Marti Ahtisaari, and the U.N. Force Commander, General Prem Chand.
- 1900 Depart by road for Windhoek Airport.
- 1935 Arrive Windhoek Airport
- 1945 Depart for London.

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STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN WINDHOEK ON SATURDAY  
1 APRIL

I made this stop-over in Namibia in order to visit the United Kingdom contingent of the United Nations force in Namibia (UNTAG) on this the first day of implementation of UN Security Council Resolution No. 435.

I was delighted to have the opportunity to meet the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Donaldson, and to have lunch with the officers and men of the UK Signals Unit, who have the vital task of providing the communications for the UN force.

This afternoon I visited the Rossing Mine, which is the major British commercial interest in Namibia. Rossing accounts for 35 per cent of Namibia's exports and 17 per cent of its GDP.

I was very impressed by Rossing's safety record and by the housing, welfare, health, training, pensions and other programmes for the advancement of the workforce which are outstanding in this territory.

Rossing also is making an important contribution to the community generally through the Rossing Foundation.

The main purpose of my visit overall was to demonstrate the strong commitment of the British Government to the successful implementation of the UN plan leading to elections on 1 November in which all the parties can participate, and to internationally recognised independence for Namibia.

I am meeting this afternoon the UN Special Representative, Mr. Ahtisaari, the UN Force Commander, General Prem Chand and the Administrator-General, Mr. Louis Pienaar.

As we know from our experience in Zimbabwe, there are plenty of difficulties that can arise in the process of implementation.

I shall be emphasising to them the importance of working together to overcome these difficulties. This will be crucial for the future of the territory, while a successful outcome here also will be of great benefit to South Africa and Angola.

We have given throughout support stronger than any other country to the negotiating efforts of Dr. Chester Crocker. The Namibia Agreement is, potentially, the most positive development in Southern Africa in many years. We shall be continuing our efforts to ensure that all the parties respect the agreements they have entered into.

As for the future government of Namibia, that is for the people of Namibia to decide.

Once the elections are over, whoever wins them, it will be important that they should be prepared to respect the interests of other groups and to work with them and to pursue policies that will strengthen and not weaken the Namibian economy.

Britain, the European Community and the Commonwealth will be ready to help an independent Namibia establish itself, as we have done in the case of so many other countries on this Continent.

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OF 240830Z MARCH 1989

RESIDENT CLERK PLEASE PASS TO PRIVATE SECRETARY AND NO. 10

PRIME MINISTER: VISIT TO NAMIBIA

1. PIK BOTHA TELEPHONED ME LAST NIGHT, ON HIS RETURN FROM MAPUTO, TO SAY THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE PROPOSED VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO NAMIBIA. BUT HE WISHED TO BE PRESENT TO GREET THE PRIME MINISTER AND TO SEE HER OFF AT THE AIRPORT. IT WAS "FITTING" THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD BE RECEIVED IN THIS WAY. ALSO HE WANTED TO GIVE HER AN ACCOUNT OF HIS TALKS WITH CHISSANO (MY TELNO 160).
2. I SAID THAT OF COURSE I WOULD RELAY THIS. BUT I DOUBTED IF WHAT HE PROPOSED WAS NECESSARY. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE SEEING THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, WITH THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE UN FORCE COMMANDER. THAT SURELY SHOULD SUFFICE.
3. PIK BOTHA INSISTED THAT THIS SHOULD BE PUT TO THE PRIME MINISTER, MAKING CLEAR HIS STRONG DESIRE TO BE PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT. HE WOULD NOT WISH TO ACCOMPANY HER DURING HER TOUR. HE CLAIMED THAT HE WOULD NEED TO GO TO WINDHOEK FOR A TALK WITH AHTISAARI ANYWAY. I UNDERTOOK TO REPORT BUT MADE CLEAR THAT I SAW DIFFICULTIES.
4. THE VISIT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE IF PIK BOTHA IS INVOLVED IN THIS WAY. MEETING AND GREETING SHOULD BE A MATTER FOR THE ASMINISTRATORGENERAL AND THE UN REPRESENTATIVES. IN THE LAST RESORT IT COULD BE DIFFICULT TO KEEP HIM OUT OF THE MEETING WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, AHTISAARI AND PREM CHAND, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH WILL BE TO IMPRESS ON ALL CONCERNED THE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSCR 435. THE BETTER COURSE, HOWEVER, WILL BE TO TRY TO RIDE HIM FIRMLY BUT POLITELY OFF THE WHOLE IDEA. THIS MIGHT MOST EFFECTIVELY BE DONE BY A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER. A PROPOSED DRAFT IS IN MIFT.

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PRIME MINISTER

POSSIBLE VISIT TO NAMIBIA

After further contacts with Robin Renwick and Pik Botha, we have agreed that he will be at the airport to say good-bye to you. That will be an opportunity for a brief meeting, say thirty minutes. On this basis he is not seeking any other involvement in your programme while you are there. I think this is a very satisfactory compromise.

It means that our departure for London will have to be put back by about forty-five minutes.

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PP Charles Powell

24 March 1989

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phoned CDP 24/3.9

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*[Handwritten initials]*

PRIME MINISTER

POSSIBLE VISIT TO NAMIBIA

Pik Botha has been in touch with Robin Renwick to say that the considered view of the South African government is that they welcome your proposed visit to Namibia and hope that it will go ahead. They recognise that you will not reach a final decision until very shortly beforehand. I am sending you down in the box a draft programme for the visit.

There is only one wrinkle. Pik Botha has suggested that he should meet you and see you off at the airport. This is not a good idea: the purpose of your visit is to underline support for the United Nations plan on the day when it comes into operation. You do not want the visit to be associated with any of the individual parties or governments. You will of course see the South African Administrator-General who remains responsible for the administration of the territory.

I have discussed this with Robin Renwick, who very much agrees that Pik Botha's presence would make the visit more difficult to handle, and that we should try to ride him firmly but politely off the idea (although if he absolutely insists, we could probably live with a brief encounter at the airport.)

Robin suggests that you should send Pik Botha a personal message. I attach a draft. Agree to send?

C.D.P

C. D. POWELL  
24 March 1989

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With best wishes,

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PRIME MINISTER

POSSIBLE VISIT TO NAMIBIA

Pik Botha has been in touch with Robin Renwick to say that the considered view of the South African government is that they welcome your proposed visit to Namibia and hope that it will go ahead. They recognise that you will not reach a final decision until very shortly beforehand. I am sending you down in the box a draft programme for the visit.

There is only one wrinkle. Pik Botha has suggested that he should meet you and see you off at the airport. This is not a good idea: the purpose of your visit is to underline support for the United Nations plan on the day when it comes into operation. You do not want the visit to be associated with any of the individual parties or governments. You will of course see the South African Administrator-General who remains responsible for the administration of the territory.

I have discussed this with Robin Renwick, who very much agrees that Pik Botha's presence would make the visit more difficult to handle, and that we should try to ride him firmly but politely off the idea (although if he absolutely insists, we could probably live with a brief encounter at the airport).

Robin suggests that you should send Pik Botha a personal message. I attach a draft. Agree to send?

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MY TELNO 158: PRIME MINISTER: VISIT TO NAMIBIA

1. ON NO 10'S INSTRUCTIONS, I SPOKE TO PIK BOTHA TO TELL HIM THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD WELCOME A MEETING WITH HIM ON HER DEPARTURE FROM NAMIBIA AT WINDHOEK AIRPORT AT 1930 HOURS ON SATURDAY 1 APRIL, IF SHE DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH A VISIT THERE. SHE WOULD NOT WISH HIM TO BE INVOLVED IN THE REMAINDER OF THE VISIT OR IN MEETING HER ON ARRIVAL.

2. PIK BOTHA SAID THAT HE WAS ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH THIS. HIS CONCERN WAS TO HAVE THE CHANCE FOR A TALK WITH THE PRIME MINISTER BEFORE SHE LEFT. I MADE CLEAR THAT THE MEETING WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL IT WAS TAKING PLACE.

3. THIS WILL ENTAIL REVISING THE DEPARTURE TIME FROM WINDHOEK AIRPORT TO 2030 HOURS.

4. RESIDENT CLERK PLEASE PASS TO NO 10 AND MISS WAGHORN, CONFERENCE SECTION, FCO.

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GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS THATCHER,

ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 1989

INTERVIEWERS: ELIZABETH O'HEANEY AND ROBIN WHITE

(BBC AFRICAN SERVICE)

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TRANSCRIPT A

INTERVIEWER:

This week our programme comes from 10 Downing Street. Elizabeth O'Heaney and I are here to talk to the British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, who is about to leave on another trip to Africa. She will be travelling to Morocco and Nigeria and then onward south to Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Mrs Thatcher's last visit to Africa was a pretty eventful affair. Because of her stand on South Africa and her much stated opposition to economic sanctions there were noisy demonstrations against her in Nigeria.

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INTERVIEWER (CONT):

Since then several African leaders have spoken out against her and even her effigy has been burnt outside State House in Zambia.

Mrs Thatcher, it would seem on the surface that Africa does not love you greatly. Are you not, even you, slightly nervous about travelling there again?

PRIME MINISTER:

Not in the least. I never think you should judge a country by the comparatively few people who demonstrate and I think that is a view shared by most people.

INTERVIEWER:

Many African leaders, including some who fought long and hard for their independence, have been telling you that the way to bring about political change in South Africa is a mixture of armed struggle and sanctions. Now leaving aside the rights and wrongs of sanctions, has it not been rather arrogant of you to dismiss their arguments out of hand.

PRIME MINISTER:

I have never dismissed their arguments out of hand. I have sat and argued it through with them at Commonwealth Conference after Commonwealth Conference, steadily argued it through, and in the end

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PRIME MINISTER:

you will have seen that the argument which I have put has in fact prevailed and those that believe in sanctions have not in fact imposed them and have not imposed them for one of the very reasons which I said.

First, they will damage your own people enormously; and secondly, you do not set out to relieve the poverty and starvation, say, in a place like Ethiopia and then say: "Well we are going to put it on in a place like South Africa". This is just totally absurd.

I have frequently said to my fellow Heads of Government, sitting in a Commonwealth Conference in a rather nice hotel, very well looked after: "Really I find it utterly repugnant that you should talk about putting on sanctions to people who are thousands of miles away, who are trying in fact to get a living, and then in fact you are going to take it away from them".

INTERVIEWER:

But they say they do not mind Mrs Thatcher, they say ...

PRIME MINISTER:

Oh no, no they do not, some of the people who speak for them say they do not mind and some of those people who have advised it have never put it on themselves, never, and that you simply cannot get around.

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PRIME MINISTER (CONT):

Those who have been most staunchly advising it have thought better of putting on those sanctions themselves. Certain sanctions, say on armaments, we have had on for a very long time, those we do. But if you are trying to help a person, do not deprive them of the means of earning their own living. You would not do it here. I find it repugnant that people attempt to use that weapon.

INTERVIEWER:

You say sanctions do not work but did not a mixture of sanctions and armed struggle work in Zimbabwe? Is that not what got rid of Ian Smith?

PRIME MINISTER:

Sanctions most certainly did not work. If anything they strengthened the economy of what was then known as Southern Rhodesia. Southern Rhodesia became Zimbabwe in my first Commonwealth Conference, in Lusaka incidentally, in Zambia. Quite different the way in which it was solved in one way from the solution to South Africa because the Commonwealth simply said to us: "Look, you call the Conference, we will support you, please keep in touch with us".

And as you know, we were given the remit of solving that problem. It took far longer than we thought. It was a fascinating, most interesting time, because we called the Conference at

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PRIME MINISTER (CONT):

Lancaster House but we knew we had got the whole Commonwealth with us and we knew they had given us responsibility and we kept in touch with them on everything and people poured into the room where you are now sitting in fact to see how was it going, and I saw them time after time.

And that really was where I learned a great deal about how other African States think and where I also had the most tremendous cooperation from Samora Machel of Mozambique and ever after that I really had the most tremendous respect for him and it was after that that we really said that we really simply must help more in Mozambique to help him because he helped us at the time when we needed a boost to get us through the Zimbabwe negotiations.

INTERVIEWER:

But are they not similar problems that can be solved in the same kind of way?

PRIME MINISTER:

No, no, no they are not, this is what I am trying to say to you. Southern Rhodesia had done what is known as UDI and had previously been under British rule. In South Africa, South Africa was given independence, what 7 or 8 years after the Boer War as the union of South Africa and has been an independent country for a very long time.



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INTERVIEWER:

But it is the same problem of white minority rule?

PRIME MINISTER:

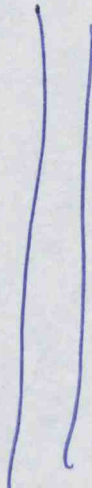
In that sense it is the same problem but the way of solving it is not open, the Zimbabwe way is not open to South Africa because South Africa is an independent country.

INTERVIEWER:

South Africans have made it clear that they would like you, on this trip, to go to South Africa. Is there any chance that you might go?

PRIME MINISTER:

No there is not because I have made it quite clear that I could not go until something quite positive happens and Mr Mandela is released because if I did go I think it might be misinterpreted and I would not have that for worlds. I think that there are chances of things improving enormously in South Africa once Mr Mandela is released, then I think it opens the way for negotiations to start.



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PRIME MINISTER (CONT):

But I could not go just at the moment until there are more signs of that happening. And it would be two things: the release of Mr Mandela and his freedom to put his own views; also I think foreswearing of violence as a way to proceed because when the release of Mandela happens I believe that opens up the possibility for negotiations and it will have to be solved by negotiations.

At the same time you will be keeping the economic success of South Africa which gives everyone a very much better chance of coming through to a highly successful country.

INTERVIEWER:

If the South Africans were to release Nelson Mandela while you were on this trip would you consider then popping across the border?

PRIME MINISTER:

I do not think they will, I have a very full programme, but it would make possible a visit at some time. Whether I would have enough time to do it then I think would be debatable, but it would make it possible.

But I do not think they will, they do not work that way, so although it is a theoretical possibility I do not think it is likely to happen just exactly while I am there.

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INTERVIEWER:

I get the impression that Mr Pik Botha raised your hopes on this, that he said it might happen?

PRIME MINISTER:

He was very frank I thought in the interview he did and it was a very interesting and very frank interview and he made it quite clear, I think, and I hope I am not misinterpreting him, which I try not to do, that he himself wished to see the release of Mr Mandela and he too thought that it would open the way to negotiations. So I think that it is on the agenda.

INTERVIEWER:

He has been claiming, Foreign Minister Pik Botha, that South Africa is ready to enter a new era, both in its relations with its neighbours and internally. Now do you think that South Africa is about to do this or not?

PRIME MINISTER:

I am told that things have already changed enormously in South Africa, I cannot judge, it is a long time since I have been there, I think the last time was round about 1972, the only time I went, and I am told by everyone who goes that there is an enormous change, that things are economically very much freer.

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PRIME MINISTER (CONT):

We have been helping, as you know, particularly with the education of black South Africans, but I note that there are now far more black South Africans who matriculate than there are white South Africans which you say is as it should be but it is also happening.

And of course some of the fundamental changes of laws have taken place under President Botha. So I am told that things are changing there. We naturally are anxious for things to move on to the next stage. I think most people accept that it must happen and that it will change. It is as if a new world is waiting to be born but it is very difficult, precisely, to bring it about.

INTERVIEWER:

What, in your view, is the next stage that they should take?

PRIME MINISTER:

Well I have indicated that I think if Mr Mandela is released I think that negotiations become possible with some of the other several many leaders of black South Africans. Obviously they are not a homogeneous people any more than we are in Europe.

It is not possible, I think, for Chief Buthelesi, who is head of the Zulus, it would not be possible for him to negotiate unless Mr Mandela were released. Another very able person comes here and talks sometimes is Chief N'Busa of the South African Swazis and we have helped him with refugees who have poured across the border from Mozambique, from the atrocities of Renamo.

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PRIME MINISTER (CONT):

And there are several others who have been used to having power, each in their own particular sphere. Now none of them, but none of them, could enter into negotiations before the release of Mr Mandela, together with the freedom to put his own viewpoint.

We cannot tell them how to do those negotiations. They will have to do them themselves, they really will. You cannot dictate to people, nor should you try. Sometimes you can do things and offer things which may make it easier for them to do it. But they have to live in that country, they have to live there together, all of them, and they will have to come to something which they can negotiate.

As I indicated, it was different in Zimbabwe because we were given the task of negotiating with those who were already internally inside Southern Rhodesia, as it was then, and with Mr Mugabe and with Mr Mkombo, and of course Bishop Muzorewa. And they, when we had done all the signatures and Christopher Soames had gone back to manage the transition and to manage the election. And they were sitting not very far from where you are, we had a settee there in those days and the three of them were sitting on the settee, and I looked at them, very much as one politician to another, and I know that each of them thought he was going to win that election - each of them thought he was going to win. And I had to say to them: "Look, you know that whoever wins we shall abide by the result".

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PRIME MINISTER (CONT):

And there was this total integrity that if we ran the election and there were British bobbies there and British Forces and under a British Governor that it would be all right.

Now there is no kind of supervising authority in South Africa in any way so they will have to come to their own arrangements, but they have all got to live there, they have all got to make a future there, and I have the impression, though I am looking from the outside in but we see a lot of people coming over, that things are changing.

The attitudes are changing and I think two other things have been a tremendous advance, if I might call it that: three years ago we would not have thought that they could have reached the agreement they have on Namibia, now it has come about, that is a real plus, that both South Africa and the United States negotiated with Angola and got the result and the elections will take place in Namibia for Namibian independence in November. Now that was a great plus for everyone and also the Soviet Union was very willing, not merely very willing but very actively involved in influencing Cuba.

I also think that Mr Gorbachev is anxious to find an answer to the situation which faces Mozambique, which is indeed very tragic. Again how it will be done I do not quite know but that too will start to move. These are positive things and we must take heart from them.

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INTERVIEWER:

Is Namibia's independence now inevitable in your view? Is that definitely going to happen or could that still crumble?

PRIME MINISTER:

I believe that Namibian independence is inevitable, we have put in you know our part of the contingent of the United Nations Forces, we have put in the signals because upon them depend all the communications.

INTERVIEWER:

You seem to set great store on the release of Mr Nelson Mandela but you seem reluctant to talk to the organisation that he leads, the ANC, and it would seem rather strange that you should be advocating that Mr Nelson Mandela be released when his followers who are outside, who are not in jail, you are not very anxious or keen on talking to them?

PRIME MINISTER:

I do not talk to those people until they have called a halt to violence. I thought the Eminent Persons Group, who came from the Commonwealth remember after the Bahama's Commonwealth Conference, really had it right when they said: "Yes, we believe the answer is in negotiations in return for a suspension of violence". I think those were their words.

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PRIME MINISTER (CONT):

I think the Government of South Africa would like a renunciation of violence. We did not quite get that when we had the negotiations in Lancaster House. I think it was understood that violence be suspended during the talks and I do not talk to those who in fact pursue their ends by violent means.

I think that the answer to this one is through a negotiation and they pursue their ends by violent means against their own people as well.

INTERVIEWER:

But Nelson Mandela is the leader of the ANC.

PRIME MINISTER:

Look, we are trying to get a way through by saying: "Mr Mandela should be released and should be free" and this is part of the bargain "should be free in fact to put his own view" but no one is free to exercise violence. One tries to get a law-abiding country. Violence is anarchy and the rule of gun and rule by force.

It is not something which I have had any sympathy with at all and so I am trying to go to something which will not be the rule of the gun or the rule of violence at all, but which by negotiation will come to result, for all of those many varied people, many varied backgrounds, it is the home of all of them and they will have to come to a working agreement and only they can do it.



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INTERVIEWER:

Would you be wanting one man, one vote, in South Africa?

PRIME MINISTER:

I think you will have to have one person one vote. That does not necessarily mean in a unitary state. They will have to work it out. From my knowledge of South Africa it is made of many and varied peoples. They will have to work out how it is done.

INTERVIEWER:

So you are suggesting a federal system for the country?

PRIME MINISTER:

It is not for me to suggest. It is not for us, from this country, to suggest or to impose. It is for us to say that you are the people who are going to live there, you are going to have to work this system. It is not for us, whether from your very estimable organisation, or from No 10, to impose. It is for us to say that you must get down to negotiations, the world is waiting and wanting it. You are all going to have to live there with one another and therefore you must come to what you find a good working arrangement for you to live in peace and to develop the economy of that country to the advantage of you all.

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INTERVIEWER:

A South African-appointed Judicial Commission in South Africa has recommended a one man, one vote system, with guarantees for minorities. Is that something that you see as hopeful?

PRIME MINISTER:

I do not think that you have listened to what I have previously said. They will have to decide. Many many people I think in South Africa must be giving a good deal of time and attention to possible solutions but they will have to decide.

It is most interesting to me that you are suggesting that we can impose something on them.

INTERVIEWER:

Is that what you would want?

PRIME MINISTER:

No, it is for them to come to what is a democratic system and with something which will give them the confidence to continue and which I believe will still make provision for their many differences, of cultural differences in their society, they are a very varied society, and they will have to decide how to do it, I cannot tell them.

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INTERVIEWER:

Yes, but if you say that such and such a system is intolerable, like apartheid, and you have said that, there must become things, there must be a point when something might become tolerable?

PRIME MINISTER:

No, no, look there are many many different kinds of democracies.

INTERVIEWER:

Right.

PRIME MINISTER:

There are many many different ways. What is intolerable is the denial of human rights wherever it occurs. And therefore so long as those fundamental human rights are denied, of course we will be active in trying to get it changed.

That is why apartheid is wrong, and bad, and must go. That is why some other countries that have had denial of human rights, one says the same thing. It is the denial of human rights that is the fundamental difficulty.

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INTERVIEWER:

You say you do not like violence in any shape or form but you yourself have been prepared to use violence over a matter of principle, ie the Falkland Islands. How can you turn to people who say: "We want to use violence, we have to use violence for principles that we believe in".

PRIME MINISTER:

The Falkland Islands was invaded totally against international law and totally in denial of the right of self-determination of those people. We went back to restore international law, to restore their right to self-determination and to restore the sovereignty. That was in flagrant violation of international law.

INTERVIEWER:

But hasn't the South African Government flagrantly violated all human laws and the laws of the United Nations for instance?

PRIME MINISTER:

I wonder if you are suggesting that whenever we found the violation of human rights we should march in. I think you would be in very great difficulty if that is your proposition, very great difficulty. We are proposing that this should be resolved by negotiation.

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PRIME MINISTER (CONT):

The Falklands was actively involved, invading, the Argentine actively invaded the Falklands against the wishes of their people, every one of which was British and most of whom have been there far longer than some of the people who colonised the Argentine. It was in flagrant breach of international law and we went to the United Nations and had them with us all the way.

INTERVIEWER:

Does it worry you Prime Minister that you come across to many people in Africa as a very hard woman who is basically unsympathetic to black people?

PRIME MINISTER:

You should have come with us on the tour to Kenya and on the tour to Nigeria - far from it. Do you know in Nigeria when we went up to the Durbar in Kano I thought that there seemed to be quite a lot of people on the streets welcoming us. ~~yes there were small~~ demonstrations, a very small number, I thought there might be about a quarter of a million, the police said it was something nearly like a million.

I do not think they all came out to see a hard woman and certainly that is not what they saw.

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INTERVIEWER:

But you know many people, we get letters to the office, to our programme, and most of them seem to be saying: "Mrs Thatcher simply does not feel sympathetic towards black people".

PRIME MINISTER:

But I also get many many letters and saying that they are very very glad that I have stood out against sanctions because so many of them would have suffered very very badly under it.

INTERVIEWER:

But do you feel handicapped in speaking against abuses of human rights and dictatorial regimes in black Africa simply because you are afraid that they might see you as being unsympathetic to black people?

PRIME MINISTER:

No because I duly point out wherever I go that the viewpoint that we take up actually is far more expensive for us than those who simply stand up and say: "Put on sanctions". Because we did not just say: "Look, keep ordinary trade going". We also said: "We in fact will put in a good deal of aid first to training black South Africans", we are now about 10 million a year.

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PRIME MINISTER (CONT):

Secondly, we have put in, in the last 8 years, something like 1 billion pounds into helping the Front Line States to build up some of their alternative transport. We also train some of the Armed Forces of Mozambique so that they can tackle Renamo. We also trained, as you know, the Army of Zimbabwe because in the end, after independence, it was to weld three armies into one.

That is not an unconstructive viewpoint. I am doing the really constructive work.

Now the next thing that they want - I can tell you - is not only education for more black South Africans, which is happening. I mean you know full well, as I do, there are a large number of highly professional, highly qualified black South Africans, a very considerable number and very well off, some of them, some of them. And also that some of the companies there are giving shares to all of their employees, black and white alike.

Now this is highly constructive. The irritating thing for those people who are highly qualified in black South Africa, highly cultured, quite well off, is that they cannot take part in the government and that must be extremely irritating and frustrating for them just because of their colour and I think it is totally and utterly wrong.

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