



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

5 June 1979

Dear Byron,

Rhodesia: Lord Harlech's Mission to Africa

I understand that Lord Harlech may be calling on the Prime Minister at 11 am on 6 June to discuss his mission to Africa.

I enclose a copy of the proposed itinerary for Lord Harlech's visit to Africa this month, as it stands at present. There may be difficulty in arranging a meeting with President Nyerere at the start of the mission. In that case it looks as if the most likely date for a meeting with him will be 17 June, and the programme will have to be re-arranged accordingly.

We are seeking to arrange for Lord Harlech to meet the leaders of the Patriotic Front in accordance with the Prime Minister's wishes as set out in your letter of 1 June.

I am also enclosing with this letter a copy of draft terms of reference of Lord Harlech's mission. These have not yet been approved by Lord Carrington but he will see them before Lord Harlech's meeting with the Prime Minister.

*Yours ever,
Stephen*

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Prime Minister

*This is badly expressed!
What it means is: "with a
U.K. witness present, as you
insisted"! Lord Carrington
will be with Lord Harlech.*

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RHODESIA: LORD HARLECH'S MISSION TO AFRICA

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Government's objective is to return Rhodesia to legality in conditions of the widest possible international recognition, and a de-escalation of the war.

2. The widest possible international acceptance is vital to the prospects for peace in Rhodesia, to our ability to limit damage to our interests elsewhere in Africa, in the United Nations and in our relationship with our allies and the Commonwealth, and to reduce the scope for the Soviet Union to increase its influence in Africa. If it is possible to win the acceptance of a number of African governments, this will in the long run affect the ability of the Patriotic Front to continue the war.

3. The purpose of Lord Harlech's mission is to begin a process of consultation with African and other governments in order to promote our objective. The first step is to consult the Front Line Presidents and the Nigerian government in an attempt to establish:

- a. to what extent they are prepared to accept that fundamental political change has taken place in Rhodesia; and
- b. what prospect there is of their supporting or at least acquiescing in a settlement of the Rhodesia question which is based on that change or on building on the progress which has been achieved.

LORD HARLECH'S MISSION TO AFRICA
PROVISIONAL ITINERARY

12 June	Arrive Nairobi 0800 hrs (local) by BA 051. Pick up Anglo-Transvaal HS 125 and proceed immediately to Dar es Salaam
pm 12 June/ am 13 June	Meeting with President Nyerere
13 June (pm)	Dar es Salaam - Lusaka
14 June 11.30 am	Meet President Kaunda
15 June	Lusaka - Gaborone
16 June	Meet President Khama
17 June	Gaborone - Maputo
18 June	Meet President Machel
19 June (am)	Maputo - Lilongwe
19 June (pm)	Meet President Banda
20 June	Lilongwe - Lagos
21 June	Meet Federal Military Government
22 June	Lagos - London (scheduled flight)



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Dear Mike,

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Lord Harlech

Lord Harlech will be leaving for Africa next week for consultations about Rhodesia. His precise itinerary is still under discussion but it will include Dar-es-Salaam, Lusaka, Gaborone, Maputo, Lilongwe and Lagos. He expects to be away from 11th to about 22nd June.

Lord Harlech would like to call on the Prime Minister before his departure and Lord Carrington recommends that he should do so, so that he can hear at first hand how the Prime Minister sees his mission and so that he can speak with added authority during his talks in Africa. Would this be possible?

Since Lord Harlech leaves for Africa on Monday, his call would need to take place during the course of this week.

I am copying this letter to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,
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