



Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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The Zambian High Commissioners decided that we would prefer to wait to see you rather than see Mr. Lule. Could you give her ten minutes at 1700 on Friday, 15 June?

13 June 1979

Dear Bryan,

Zambia

That everyone wants - but ten minutes on Friday 15 June. Can I see the whole bill?

You asked for our advice over the question of Miss Chibesakunda's request to call on the Prime Minister with a message from President Kaunda.

It is traditional Commonwealth practice that High Commissioners have in principle the right of direct access to the Prime Minister and that this is one privilege which they enjoy and which Ambassadors do not. We have quoted this principle to the Zambians in order to obtain access to President Kaunda for our High Commissioner in Lusaka and it was because of this principle that Miss Chibesakunda saw the Prime Minister on 15 March 1978. Our High Commissioner in Lusaka has had a number of meetings with President Kaunda, mostly with distinguished visitors. But he has had at least one bilateral meeting with President Kaunda in the last six months.

Lord Harlech will be seeing President Kaunda tomorrow at 11.30 a.m. In these circumstances Lord Carrington recommends that the Prime Minister should, if at all possible, see Miss Chibesakunda but that it should be made clear to her that the Prime Minister can only spare five or ten minutes from a very crowded programme.

Yours ever,
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