



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

5 June 1980

(2)

*Pamie Ruster*

*Paul - 5/6*

*We cannot bear this  
burden alone. pub.*

*Dear Michael,*

Visit by Ministerial Delegation from Zimbabwe

A delegation, led by the Zimbabwean Minister of Finance, is visiting London for talks on aid-related questions over the next two days. On arrival the delegation handed over the attached letter from ~~4.6.80~~ Robert Mugabe to the Prime Minister. We shall submit advice on a reply to Mr Mugabe's letter shortly.

The delegation will be calling on Lord Carrington tomorrow, and will also have a brief meeting with Lord Soames. The substantive talks will be conducted by Mr Luce, Derek Day and FCO and ODA officials. In parallel, a team of ODA officials led by Martin Lynch has just gone to Zimbabwe to examine ways in which the British aid package should be applied.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Edward Chaplin in the Lord President's Office.

*Yours ever*

*Roderic Lyne*

(R M J Lyne)  
Private Secretary

Michael Alexander Esq  
10 Downing Street  
London