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Prime Minister

Hope that Bishop Muzorewa's request should be refused?

Dear Michael

And

Can we do anything through aid to help the sons through university

Bishop Muzorewa

I enclose a letter addressed to the Prime Minister which Bishop Muzorewa recently passed to the High Commissioner in Salisbury. As you will see the Bishop is asking for \$75,000 (presumably Zimbabwe dollars and therefore the equivalent of £55,000) to improve the arrangements for his personal security and to cover the cost of keeping his two sons at university in London and the United States.

As the Prime Minister knows, considerable payments were made to Bishop Muzorewa between July 1979 and February 1980 as part of the process of securing a Rhodesia settlement. These payments were intended to strengthen the political position of the Bishop. In March 1980 Lord Carrington agreed that a personal payment should be made to Bishop Muzorewa of US\$100,000 to enable him to buy a house and look after his family while he re-established himself after his defeat in the elections. A further request for funds from the Bishop in May 1980 was refused.

Lord Carrington considers that there is no justification now for making further payments to Bishop Muzorewa. Subject to the Prime Minister's views, he proposes that the Acting High Commissioner in Salisbury should be instructed to pass this message orally to the Bishop: it would be a mistake in his view to commit any response to paper.

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