



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

18 May, 1983

Dear Mr. Okoronkwo,

I was delighted to hear from your letter that you had been granted political asylum here. It must be a great weight off your mind.

I am sure that you will put your new found freedom to the best possible use and I wish you all possible luck in your new life in this country.

You, who have lived without freedom really do appreciate its supreme worth. Yours sincerely

Mrs. Galina Okoronkwo

Margaret Thatcher

PRIME MINISTER

Mrs. Okoronkwo has been given political asylum here. That means she has permission to remain for twelve months, renewable for a further three years. At the end of that time she can be given permission to remain here permanently. In practice she is now established here. She is apparently associated with a member of the staff of the BBC Overseas Services which was one of the major reasons why she qualified for refugee status. Originally she was married to a Nigerian who divorced her without her knowledge.

JD

17 May 1983

It should go
case of Gordon
Clough (?) who handed
it to me when he came to
Cherwell for an interview.

17 POPLAR GROVE
LONDON, W6.

Уважаемое господа Тетчер,
всего я получила разрешение
на временное проживание в
Англии.

Уже более 7 месяцев, как я
нахожусь в Англии и все
это время была очень обра-
дована, если получу разре-
шение или нет. Но я по-
лучила не только это, но
я получила свободу.

Хочу выразить большое бла-
годарность за внимание,
поддержку и уверенность, оказавшие
мне.

С уважением,

Galina Orosenkina



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TRANSLATION OF MRS. OKORONKWO'S LETTER

17 Poplar Grove,
London W6

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

Today I have received permission to stay in Britain temporarily at least.

I have been here for more than seven months already, and throughout that time I have been terribly worried that I might not get permission to stay. But it is not only that that you have given me, but my freedom as well.

I would like to thank you very deeply for the kindness, support and confidence that you have shown me.

Yours sincerely,

Galina Okoronkwo.