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Prime Minister (2)



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Dear Charles,

The British Consul in Durban

In your letter of 25 September you reported that the Prime Minister was concerned about HM Consul in Durban. The Embassy have since told us that he is in good physical shape; they have warned him that he must pace himself very carefully. He has with him someone from the Embassy (Mr Gooch) and they take it in turns to sleep at the Consulate. They also have a room in a nearby hotel where they can go for a bath and a rest.

Davey and Gooch have cushions and blankets to make up a bed on the floor at night. It has been decided not to take in a folding bed since this might make it harder to resist similar demands by the six.

The Embassy are conscious that they must do whatever they can to alleviate the discomfort created for Davey and his staff. The priority is to give them as many opportunities as possible to get out of the building and to relax. In present circumstances however there are clear limits to what can be done without risking reaction from the six and their supporters.

Yours ever,

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