

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Union Buildings  
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Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 10 October 1984.

There are a number of matters raised in your letter, Prime Minister, which cause me and my Government serious concern. The continued refusal of your Government seriously to address the representations of the South African Government, particularly, those relating to the improper use of the British Consulate in Durban, has already necessitated an act of reprisal which, I can assure you, was taken only after painstaking deliberation. Eminent Counsel in Britain have been instructed to set out the case in a British Court on 22 October 1984 for our decision not to require the four South Africans on bail to return to the United Kingdom.

I shall reply in detail soon setting out the reasons for my Government's decision and attaching a legal opinion containing the position in international law.

We would not wish this incident to have a damaging effect on the substance of the important relations between our two countries.

Yours sincerely

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