

*du Cann*

23rd December 1981

Following our talk on the telephone on Sunday, this is just alline to let you know that I have sent a note to Malcolm Thornton, asking him to come and have a chat.

I would be delighted to meet Mr Savimbi when he is in London next month.

Arrangements are in hand for the lunch at Chequers.

I hope that you will have a superb Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you when you get back.

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The Rt Hon Edward Du Cann MP

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Mr Edward du Cann

1. As you know, he came to see the Prime Minister on 18th December.
2. I was not present, as I was looking after Alistair.
3. Mr du Cann asked me to telephone him on 20th December, which I did. He has now gone to Canada, and will not be back in London until 8th January.
4. Apparently, the Prime Minister said to Mr du Cann that she would like to invite him and Sally, plus Mr and Mrs "Tiny" Rowland to lunch at Chequers on a Sunday in January. The du-Canns and the Rowlands would be the only guests.
5. Would it be possible for this lunch to take place on Sunday 17th January 1982?

If so, could a letter please be sent to Mr du Cann, so as to await arrival on his return from Canada?

No direct invitation should be sent to Mr and Mrs Rowland. The letter to Mr du Cann should simply include them as well, leaving it to Mr du Cann to invite them.

6. In fact, the du Canns will bring the Rowlands down to Chequers in Mr du Cann's (Lonrho's) blue Rolls Royce!