

1. Mr Brown 2. Mr Stephenson Hd/CAD

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RESTRICTED  
FM HARARE 171040Z MAR 83  
TO IMMEDIATE F C O  
TELEGRAM NUMBER DISTRESS 014 OF 17 MARCH  
FOR CONSULAR DEPARTMENT AND CAFD

This is very serious  
No. 10. must be kept  
informed for P.M. P.Q.S  
etc. *[Signature]*

SAFETY OF BRITISH CITIZENS IN MATABELELAND.

1. WE HAVE REPORTED THE MURDER OF MRS JONES NEAR BULAWAYO ON 11 MARCH. ANOTHER BRITISH SUBJECT WAS ABDUCTED FROM HIS FARM, ALSO NEAR BULAWAYO, YESTERDAY. DETAILS BELOW. AND ANOTHER FARMER, ERRINGTON, WAS ATTACKED BY DISSIDENTS NEAR FIGTREE YESTERDAY, BUT MANAGED TO FIGHT THEM OFF.

2. MRS OLGA PEARL DYER-SMITH INFORMED US ON 17 MARCH THAT HER HUSBAND (UK CITIZEN, DUAL NATIONAL) ROBERT HAROLD DYER-SMITH WAS ABDUCTED BY FIVE ARMED DISSIDENTS DURING AFTERNOON 16 MARCH.

3. DYER-SMITH, -AN ACCOUNTANT IN BULAWAYO, VISITS HIS SMALL FARM AT WESTERN COMMONAGE (OUTSKIRTS BULAWAYO) EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WHEN HE FAILED TO RETURN, HIS WIFE RAISED THE ALARM. THE POLICE ARE INVOLVED. DYER-SMITH SUFFERS FROM HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE WHICH REQUIRES MEDICATION. HE HAS NONE WITH HIM.

4. DYER-SMITH'S DETAILS ARE:  
BORN PLYMOUTH UK 2 MARCH 1921  
BRITISH PASSPORT NO C219775C  
ISSUED HARARE 1 JULY 1981.  
DUAL NATIONAL.

5. MRS DYER-SMITH WANTS NO PUBLICITY. WE HAVE ALERTED THE MFA ABOUT THIS AND THE RECENT JONES MURDER, BOTH IN AREAS CLOSE TO BULAWAYO, ASKED FOR AN URGENT BRIEFING ON OFFICIAL ACTION AND SOUGHT ASSURANCES ABOUT PROTECTION FOR CITIZENS IN BULAWAYO/MATABELELAND GENERALLY.

BYATT

*It has now leaked*

ZIMBABWE  
LIMITED  
CAF D  
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PS/MR ONSLOW  
PS/LORD BELSTEAD  
PS/PUS  
SIR J LEAHY  
MR SQUIRE

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*I hope we have  
now made vigorous  
representation in  
this case. not  
This point  
was covered in  
briefing to  
meeting.*

*AD 24/3*