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ETINENT PERSONS GROUP (EPG)

1. OVER THE LAST WEEK TANZANIAN MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS  
HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH NYERERE'S DEPARTURE AND MWINYI'S  
INAUGURATION. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA WAS INTERESTED  
TO KNOW OF LORD BARBER'S NOMINATION TO THE EPG AND ASKED MY  
DHC WHETHER WE HAD HEARD OF OTHER NOMINATIONS TO IT. DESPITE  
THE SCEPTICISM WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY EXISTS IN TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT  
CIRCLES THAT ANY MEASURES SHORT OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ARE  
LIKELY TO INFLUENCE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, WE BELIEVE  
THE TANZANIANS ARE PREPARED TO GIVE IT A TRY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND NYERERE HAS BEEN INVITED TO JOIN THE EPG BY  
KAUNDA. MY AUSTRALIAN AND ZAMBIAN COLLEAGUES SAID THAT HE HAD  
DECLINED AS HE GENUINELY WANTED TO TAKE A HOLIDAY AND DID NOT  
WANT TO STEAL THE LIMELIGHT FROM HIS SUCCESSOR MWINYI. BUT  
MISS WICKEN (STATE HOUSE) IMPLIED THAT NYERERE MIGHT STILL BE  
CONSIDERING THE MATTER.

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