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8 July 1986

Dear Charles

Chief Minister of Lebowa

Thank you for your letter of 2 July seeking our views on the suggestion that Dr Cedric Phatudi, the Chief Minister of Lebowa, should call on the Prime Minister.

This would be the third time the Prime Minister had met a homeland leader in recent months. Although in general we are in favour of the Prime Minister meeting black leaders, we are not sure that much would be gained from meeting Dr Phatudi. He is now 74 years old and more traditional and, in terms of the current situation, a less relevant figure than Chief Buthelezi or Enos Mabuza, the other homeland leaders the Prime Minister has seen.

If Dr Phatudi is to visit London Mrs Chalker would be ready to meet him. As a homeland leader, and someone who has consistently opposed Verwoerdian "independence" Dr Phatudi is certainly someone we would expect to be involved in the eventual dialogue about the constitutional future of South Africa (provided he is still alive).

Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

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I am afraid that it is not going to be possible for the Prime Minister to see Dr. Phatudi, the Chief Minister of Lebowa. But Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Minister of State in the Foreign Office, would be happy to do so if Dr. Phatudi would like to call upon her. May I suggest that you pursue this direct with the Foreign Office.

(Charles Powell)

Mr. L.H. Evans

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From the Private Secretary

2 July 1986

We have received a suggestion that the Prime Minister should see the Chief Minister of Lebowa, who will be visiting London this month. I should be grateful for advice.

(Charles Powell)

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From the Private Secretary

2 July 1986

Thank you for your letter and for sending the article from the Johannesburg Sunday Times.

I shall look into the possibility of a meeting with Dr. Phatudi. It was kind of you to draw his visit to my attention.

(Charles Powell)

Mr. L.H. Evans

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