



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

8 July 1986

Dear Dr. Barber,

Thank you for your letter of 2 July. I was very pleased to hear that the Fellowship Scheme is likely to get under way this October. I very much hope you will be able to keep to this timetable. I am most grateful for the tremendous efforts you are making in this field.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,
The Prime Minister,
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Dear Prime Minister,

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SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLTEACHER FELLOWSHIPS:

I thought you would be pleased to know that it now looks almost certain that we shall start the Fellowship Scheme this coming October. Following a successful trip which the British Council arranged for one of my colleagues in the English Language Department, ten Fellows have been selected (seven African, two coloured and one Indian).

As we all know the political situation surrounding South Africa is so volatile that it is difficult to state anything with confidence - hence my reference to "almost certain". I believe that we have been able to progress so quickly because the scheme has not been sucked into the bitter political controversy, and I hope that we can continue to keep it out. As we all appreciate, this is a venture that should help blacks whatever the political solution that emerges in the Republic.

Again I thank you for your great help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

James Barber.

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