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*From the Private Secretary*

31 July 1986

Thank you for your letter of 30 July, enclosing the text of a message to the Prime Minister from the Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, together with a draft for a proposed reply from Mrs. Chalker.

The Prime Minister would indeed be grateful if Mrs. Chalker would reply, but would like to strengthen the draft somewhat. I enclose a revised version.

C. D. POWELL

R. N. Culshaw, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. CHALKER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORT IN AFRICA

Dear Secretary General

Thank you for your recent message to the Prime Minister, forwarded via the British Ambassador in Yaounde. I am afraid that you are misinformed. The European Economic Community is not in favour of applying comprehensive economic sanctions.

Sir Geoffrey Howe has recently returned from his visit to South Africa as part of the mission entrusted to him by the Twelve member states of the European Community to try to establish conditions for the much needed dialogue in that country. The Community will consider the results of the mission at the end of September.

We shall next be discussing our approach to South Africa at the forthcoming Commonwealth Review Meeting in London on 3-5 August. The Commonwealth has had to face many difficult issues in the past, but has been strong enough and flexible enough to survive. I am confident that it will do so on this occasion.

I know that the British Ambassador has spoken to you in some detail about our policy. The position is that Britain, together with our European and Commonwealth Partners, has already adopted a whole range of measures. Our common aim must be to promote dialogue and a suspension of violence on all sides, so that there can be a peaceful solution in South Africa that commands the support of all its people.

With good wishes

Lynda Chalker  
Minister of State  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office



*After your comments  
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*Prime Minister  
A pretty feeble reply.  
Agree to it as  
amended? CFF.*

*Dear Charles,*

The Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa has asked the British Ambassador in Yaounde to pass the following message to the Prime Minister :

*30/7*

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We hereby appeal once more to you and your Government to apply economic sanctions against racist South Africa as demanded by the international community.

We are quite aware of your position but even your partners in the economic community are in favour of applying comprehensive economic sanctions.

*Non-line*

In the light of recent developments and the threat it poses to the existence of the Commonwealth we sincerely hope that you will act in the right direction.

Very high regards

Elame Jackson Rodolphe  
Director of Cabinet for Secretary General

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If you agree, we would propose to send a reply from Mrs Chalker to Mr Rodolphe, for our Ambassador to convey on the Prime Minister's behalf.

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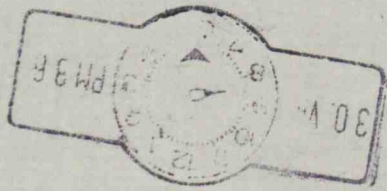
Yours ever

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