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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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THE STATE PRESIDENT

GABORONE

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4th August, 1986.

Rt. Honourable Prime Minister,

I acknowledge, with grateful thanks, receipt of your telex in which you expressed condemnation of the vile, unprovoked and unwarranted act of aggression on Botswana by the South African Defence on 19th May, 1986.

Your message of deep sympathy and full support for the people and Government of Botswana is very much appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the determination of the people and government of Botswana to preserve peace, stability and good government.

In addition Botswana will remain the champion of freedom and self-determination and will continue to provide refuge to those who are denied these inalienable rights and are persecuted for their believe in them.

It is our considered view that Southern Africa will never enjoy peace until South Africa is liberated and apartheid is dismantled. I would like therefore to appeal to you to do all in your power, to persuade the South African Government to dismantle apartheid and accept majority rule.

Yours sincerely,

Q.K.J. Masire
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON.
United Kingdom.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

20 August 1986

Dear Tim,

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Botswana: Message from President Masire
to the Prime Minister

Further to David Reddaway's letter of 14 August, I now enclose for your records the original text of the message from President Masire.

(dated 4.8.86)

Yours Sincerely,

Colin Budd

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Per Minister

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Dear Tim,

BOTSWANA: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MASIRE TO THE PRIME MINISTER

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The High Commissioner at Gaborone has forwarded to us a belated reply from the President of Botswana to the Prime Minister's message of 21 May condemning the South African raid on Mogoditshane which had taken place two days earlier. I enclose a copy of the text. There is no need for the Prime Minister to reply.

Yours sincerely

David Reddaway

David Reddaway
Private Secretary to
Baroness Young

Tim Flesher Esq
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FROM P A RAFTERY, BHC, GABORONE

TO W K PRENDERGAST ESQ, HEAD SAFO, FCO

MESSAGE FROM MRS THATCHER TO PRESIDENT MASIRE

RAMSEY TONKIN'S LETTER OF 21 MAY REFERS

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A REPLY FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT
RECEIVED TODAY:-

'I ACKNOWLEDGE, WITH GRATEFUL THANKS, RECEIPT OF
YOUR TELEX IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED CONDEMNATION
OF THE VILE, UNPROVOKED AND UNWARRANTED ACT OF
AGGRESSION ON BOTSWANA BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN
DEFENCE FORCE ON 19 MAY, 1986.

YOUR MESSAGE OF DEEP SYMPATHY AND FULL SUPPORT
FOR THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA IS
VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU OF THE DETERMINATION OF
THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA TO PRESERVE
PEACE, STABILITY AND GOOD GOVERNMENT.

IN ADDITION BOTSWANA WILL REMAIN THE CHAMPION OF
FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION AND WILL CONTINUE
TO PROVIDE REFUGE TO THOSE WHO ARE DENIED THESE
INALIENABLE RIGHTS AND ARE PERSECUTED FOR THEIR
BELIEF IN THEM.

IT IS OUR CONSIDERED VIEW THAT SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL
NEVER ENJOY PEACE UNTIL SOUTH AFRICA IS LIBERATED
AND APARTHEID IS DISMANTLED. I WOULD LIKE THERE-
FORE TO APPEAL TO YOU TO DO ALL IN YOUR POWER, TO
PERSUADE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO DISMANTLE
APARTHEID AND ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE.'

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