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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 September 1986

Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 31 July setting out your Government's position on sanctions against South Africa.

Let me first say that I share Swaziland's rejection of apartheid, and your wish to see an end to it. I also agree with you that general economic sanctions would not solve the problem. Like you, the British Government believe that dialogue is the only effective means to bring about the changes we all want to see in South Africa.

We too are keenly aware of the dependence of your economy on South Africa. Indeed the vulnerability of South Africa's neighbours to sanctions and counter-sanctions has been a major consideration in our opposition to comprehensive sanctions. You may rest assured that we shall continue to bear it in mind; and I applaud your initiative in bringing home your concerns to the other participants in the Commonwealth Review Meeting.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Shabane

His Excellency The Rt. Hon. Prince Bhekimpi Alpheus Dlamini, MP.

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The Kingdom of Swaziland High Commission presents its compliments to the Office of the Prime Minister and has the honour to forward the enclosed correspondence from the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

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The Kingdom of Swaziland High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Prime Minister the assurances of its highest consideration.

LONDON
26TH AUGUST, 1986.



*Charles - at last
they are coming
out into the open
now*



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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

11 September 1986

Dear Charles,

Letter to the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of Swaziland

Mark Addison wrote on 27 August enclosing a letter to the Prime Minister from the Swazi Prime Minister.

Prince Bhekimpi wrote in identical terms to the Commonwealth Secretary-General before the Review Meeting in August, explaining Swaziland's opposition to sanctions. Copies of his message were circulated to Heads of Government attending the meeting. We now understand that he has also issued the message separately as a letter to each of the participants.

In conveying the outcome of the Review Meeting to the Swazi Government, the High Commissioner at Mbabane was instructed to confirm that we should be studying and would continue to bear in mind Prince Bhekimpi's message to the Commonwealth Secretary-General. The Prime Minister's reply, therefore, need only be brief. I enclose a draft.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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From the Private Secretary

28 August 1986

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of Swaziland. Although dated 31 July this was only received yesterday. However it may be that you have already received a copy from other channels, so this is simply for the record.

(Charles Powell)

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From the Private Secretary

Adk/ 27 August 1986

Part 12 I enclose a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has today received from Prince Bhekimpi, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

I should be grateful for a suitable draft reply which the Prime Minister might send, to reach me by 10 September please.

(Mark Addison)

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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