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*Dear Minister*

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*Dear Charles,*

Two points which you might like to have in mind in briefing the P.M. for her talks with Gorbachov.

1. Wherever pressure has been applied, as by all of us over Afghanistan, by the Americans over Angola and by the Chinese over Cambodia, the present Soviet regime has shown surprising willingness to co-operate. As far as I know, however, we have been rather quiet about Ethiopia and Aden. I wonder if it would not be as well to put down a marker on both of these.

Aden, with the rescue of the Soviet Embassy by the royal yacht Britannia, could give an opportunity for some light hearted chaff.

Where Ethiopia is concerned I understand the Soviets claim they are urging Mengistu to negotiate with the Eritreans. This would seem to be an example of the principle of reconciliation which we are currently preaching in Angola, Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa.

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2. I gather from the press that the P.M. was fairly outspoken in renouncing RENAMO. I think they are pretty beastly but would be hard put to outdo the beastliness of FRELIMO in their early days. Michael Cecil - Robert Salisbury's youngest son - who has spent some weeks with them tells me that they are a good deal more efficient and, indeed, popular than he had expected. I have heard the same from others including one English journalist whom they took prisoner for several months.

In any case they are a force to be reckoned with and without reconciliation between them and FRELIMO it is hard to see how the reconstruction of Mozambique can begin.

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*P.S. You mention him - was  
brilliant. The greatest  
General in the  
history of the world!*