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Dear Charles,

Since I spoke to you at the Swiss Centre I have been in close touch with Gatsha, and everything that has passed between us suggests that the kind of meeting I proposed to you could be very important, and certainly is urgent.

I have asked Gatsha to prepare himself meticulously for the occasion and to come as a spokesman not only for himself but for all the other independent black leaders with whom he is in association. I am certain you will have read of the stand he has taken against the South African Prime Minister's temptation to seduce him into participating in his phoney 'constitution'. I thought his public statement not only brave but far-seeing, and the tone of it beyond praise, and it all confirmed how much the future needs him and what a tragedy it would be if he is allowed to be diminished and ultimately eliminated. He really has no substitute.

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He has given me several dates which he has chiseled out of a pre-ordained schedule almost as inflexible and crowded as that of Royalty. His preference would be to come to us in London from 26 - 29th July, after which he will go on to the United States, all the better armed for what he has to do there. If that is impossible, he could return from the U.S. by way of London around 6th August and leave on the night of 8th to be back in South Africa on 9th August. If that too is impossible he could make a special journey to London to be here either on 16 - 18th August, or 23-25th August.

Perhaps we could meet when you have explored these dates with the Prime Minister, and arrange how we can best organise the visit. I have asked him also to keep in close touch with Robin, who I know is as concerned about Gatsha's position as I am.

I am only just back, so please forgive a dictated note in haste,

Yours ever,
Lawrence,