

0930 Tuesday

12th July

PRIME MINISTER

SHARPEVILLE SIX

You noted on the attached that you would see Miss Mokhesi, but not her young niece. Before going ahead with the arrangements, can I please just confirm that you are determined to do this. You declined to see her on the last occasion: and I suspect that she will give maximum publicity to any meeting, particularly if you fail to do exactly what she wants. Certainly she had press and television lined up after she met me some months ago.

You may nonetheless feel that it is best to have a meeting so that we can get out of the way the false issue of whether or not you should see her, and concentrate on the real one of what we are and are not prepared to do in order to seek clemency for the Sharpeville Six.

Yes mk

CDP

Charles Powell

4 July 1988