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Request from Bishop Muzorewa
for financial help with security
& education costs.

ZIMBABWE

NOVEMBER 1981

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18 December 1981

Bishop Muzorewa

The Prime Minister has seen your letter of 14 December and agrees that we should avoid making further payments to the Bishop.

I am copying this letter to Sir Robert Armstrong.

A J COLES

Brian Fall, Esq.,

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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This is a copy. The original has been extracted and closed, 40 years.

Original sent to RFA in error.
FEO informed of error and agree that we should keep this copy + RFA the original.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 December 1981

Prime Minister

Hope that we shd. not pay him further money? 15/12

Dear John,

[Handwritten signature]

Bishop Muzorewa

In Michael Alexander's letter of 1 December he said that the Prime Minister had asked whether it would not be possible at least to do something to help with the cost of Bishop Muzorewa's children's education and that she would be grateful if this could be looked at again.

Lord Carrington, who shares the Prime Minister's obvious feeling of personal sympathy for the Muzorewa family, has again given this very careful thought. But he remains doubtful whether it would be right to make any further payments to Bishop Muzorewa even for this purpose. As I mentioned in my letter of 25 November the Bishop has already received from us a 'final payment' of US\$100,000 to buy a house and to look after his family after the elections in Zimbabwe. There is the risk that if we now start to subsidize the cost of keeping his sons at university in this country and the United States we may be taking on something of an open-ended commitment. Even if we made an ad hoc payment and told the Bishop that no more money would be forthcoming, on past form he could well come back to us as soon as he ran short of funds.

Passage deleted and closed, 40 years.

under a FOI Exemption.

[Handwritten signature]
9 August 2011

Lord Carrington therefore thinks that it would be better to steer clear of supporting the educational costs of the Bishop's children and that we should stick to the decision to avoid making further payments to him.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir Robert Armstrong (together with copies of the earlier letters).

[Handwritten signature]

(B J P Fall)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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Copies to :-
PS/PUS
Sir A. Acland
Mr. Day
Sir L. Allen

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2. Return to me for action.
10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

1 December 1981

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*Mr. Cross (PUS) advice
For draft reply please
+ further discussion as appropriate.*

Dear Brian,

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Bishop Muzorewa

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 25 November about Bishop Muzorewa's request for a further subvention to improve the arrangements for his personal security and to cover the university costs of his two sons. The Prime Minister has asked whether it would not be possible to do anything at least to help with the costs of Bishop Muzorewa's children's education. I should be grateful if you could look again at this.

Yours ever

Richard Alexander

Brian Fall Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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London SW1A 2AH

25 November 1981

Dear Michael

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Bishop Muzorewa

I enclose a letter addressed to the Prime Minister which Bishop Muzorewa recently passed to the High Commissioner in Salisbury. As you will see the Bishop is asking for \$75,000 (presumably Zimbabwe dollars and therefore the equivalent of £55,000) to improve the arrangements for his personal security and to cover the cost of keeping his two sons at university in London and the United States.

As the Prime Minister knows, considerable payments were made to Bishop Muzorewa between July 1979 and February 1980 as part of the process of securing a Rhodesia settlement. These payments were intended to strengthen the political position of the Bishop. In March 1980 Lord Carrington agreed that a personal payment should be made to Bishop Muzorewa of US\$100,000 to enable him to buy a house and look after his family while he re-established himself after his defeat in the elections. A further request for funds from the Bishop in May 1980 was refused.

Lord Carrington considers that there is no justification now for making further payments to Bishop Muzorewa. Subject to the Prime Minister's views, he proposes that the Acting High Commissioner in Salisbury should be instructed to pass this message orally to the Bishop: it would be a mistake in his view to commit any response to paper. ||

Younger

(B J P Fall)
Private Secretary

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FOR PERSONAL & PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE ONLY:

FROM THE DESK OF:

ABEL T. MUZOREWA M.A., D.D., D.H.L., D.L.

3rd November, 1981.

The Right Hon., Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,
The Prime Minister of Great Britain.

My dear Mrs Thatcher
First of all, I wish to greet you heartily and to wish you excellent health, long life and reign.

Secondly, my family and I are exceedingly grateful for the 60% of the total cost of the house in which we are living with which I believe you had something to do.

Today, as a matter of emergency, I write out of desperation and concern. My personal safety is threatened - seriously. This may already be apparent to you judging from some of the press statements which are often made here.

I feel the urgent need to implement some vital security precautionary measures in the form of:

- (a) having a security DURAWALL erected and extended along the perimeter of the four-acre plot of my residence.
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In order to effect these measures and keep these essential guards, I require \$35,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

P. O. BOX B. W. 353, SALISBURY, ZIMBABWE
TEL: 704127/8 after hrs. 882886
FARM LICENCE No. 101675/L

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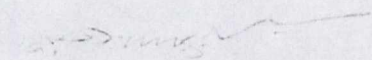
The other matter which is of urgent concern to me are my two sons who are at University in London, U.K. and Kent Ohio, U.S.A. respectively. They are both on the verge of expulsion because of problems with fees and tuition. One of them will be forced to return home this December unless something is done for him immediately. For this purpose I need \$25,500.

As you are most probably aware, after losing an election one also loses many friends. But after reflecting over this I have at length decided that you are one person that I believe would continue to help.

I shall be in the U.S.A. attending a Bishops' conference between November 15th and 20th but a line of communication will continue to be open for you through my son here via His Excellency The British High Commissioner in Salisbury.

Thanking you in advance and anticipation.

Yours sincerely,


Bishop A.T. Muzorewa.

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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

25 November 1981

Hope that Bishop Muzorewa's request should be refused?

Dear Michael

Paul

Can we do anything through aid to help the sons through university - no

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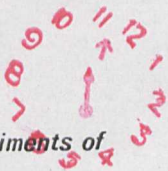
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With the compliments of

PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY'S
DEPARTMENT

Enclosure to B. Fall's letter
about Bishop Abel Muzorewa
of 25/11

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
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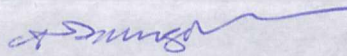
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