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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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14 December 1981

Prime Minister

Hope that we shd. not pay him
further money? 15.
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Dear John,

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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.

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under a FOI Exemption.

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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).

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