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of Pres. Kaunda



PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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State House
Lusaka, Republic of Zambia

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Dear Margaret,

I write to thank you most sincerely for giving my colleagues and I such a nice luncheon during our visit to your beautiful country.

I am particularly grateful to you for sparing the time to meet me and to exchange views with me on the situation in Southern Africa. I benefitted greatly from those exchanges.

I was encouraged to hear you say that our efforts together must be to stop the explosion before it takes place in South Africa. This must remain our objective, otherwise we shall have, in South Africa, an explosion of immeasurable proportion which will engulf all of us in this region and may be beyond.

I believe that the way to stop the explosion from taking place is to exert great pressure on the South African Government so

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that it can make positive political changes that will give the majority in South Africa a say in the running of their country. The pressure must be exerted in the following aspects:-

- (a) imposition of comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa;
- (b) Western Companies should stop investing in South Africa;
- (c) Western Governments should stop supporting South Africa, morally, militarily and diplomatically;
- (d) the West should show open support for liberation movements of South Africa;
- (e) the West should openly and strongly speak against the oppressive political and security system in South Africa.

I believe that when the West takes these measures, South Africa will see the writing on the wall.

Our immediate problem is obviously Namibia. I had very useful discussions with President Reagan and Secretary of State, Shultz on this subject. I was encouraged by the assurances of both Mr. Reagan and Mr. Shultz that they are making efforts to accelerate the pace of negotiations leading to the independence of Namibia. Nevertheless, I remain of the view that the issue of Cuban troops in Angola should not, in the first place, have been raised.

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It makes matters very complicated indeed. I am still very pessimistic indeed. I ask you and President Reagan to help President Santos to be truly non-aligned. Do not force him to take decisions which will undermine his position and complicate issues in South Africa.

Coming to our bilateral relations, I am grateful to you and your Government for the loan of £4 million which will no doubt be of great help during this period when our foreign exchange position is really desperate. You will have heard that we have now agreed with the IMF. As you rightly observed in our discussions, this is a great relief to us even though the full benefit of this facility will only come sometime next year. In the meantime, the squeeze will become extremely tight and painful. This is why your loan is such a welcome help.

I look forward to seeing you in New Delhi for the Commonwealth Conference.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

Kaunda

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