

Telephone:  
BLANDFORD 52781

SHAFTESBURY HOUSE  
MILLDOWN ROAD  
BLANDFORD FORUM  
DORSET DT11 7DE

15TH OCTOBER, 1982.

"PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL"

THE VISCOUNT BOYD, C.H., D.L.,  
INCE CASTLE,  
SALTASH, CORNWALL.

MY DEAR ALAN,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR CONVEYING THE GIST OF THE CONTENTS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER OF 1ST OCTOBER. LET ME SAY STRAIGHT AWAY THAT I SHARE THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEW THAT FURTHER PRESSURE IS UNLIKELY TO ELICIT A MORE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE. HAVING SAID THAT, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE PRIME MINISTER'S EFFORTS IN TRYING TO HELP ME. IT SAYS A GREAT DEAL FOR HER HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS, THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS, WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT SHE HAS BEEN FACING, THAT SHE CAN SPARE TIME, NOT ONLY TO ISSUE THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT SHE DID TO THE VARIOUS OFFICIALS TO MAKE THE APPROACH, BUT ALSO TO WRITE YOU A LETTER SETTING OUT THE OUTCOME. I ADMIRE HER MORE AND MORE IN HER HANDLING OF THIS COUNTRY'S AFFAIRS.

HAVING SAID THAT, I REALLY MUST CHALLENGE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ZIMBABWEAN AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN THAT THEY HAVE TRIED TO HELP ME. IN REGARD TO THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT THAT THEY MAKE ABOUT THE £70,000, ALL THEY DID, IN FACT, WAS TO RELINQUISH A CLAIM ON FUNDS THAT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE U.K. AND WERE THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE TRUST THAT I SET UP FOR VALERIE AND THE TWO CHILDREN. YOU ARE AWARE OF THE FACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS, BECAUSE YOU SPOKE TO GORDON RICHARDSON ON MY BEHALF, AND HE PROVED MOST HELPFUL. I HAVE ALWAYS ARGUED WITH THE AGENTS OF THE RESERVE BANK THAT THESE FUNDS WERE FREE, AND THIS WAS EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED BY ONE OF THEIR AGENTS IN LONDON. IT'S TRUE THERE WAS A CHANGE OF HEART ON THEIR PART, AND THEY WANTED ME TO RETURN THE FUNDS TO ZIMBABWE, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE - THEY WERE BEYOND MY CONTROL. BUT THEY DID MAKE ME SELL A FEW KRUGER RANDBS THAT I HAD THAT WERE HELD IN LONDON, AND REMIT THE CASH BACK TO SALISBURY, WHERE IT WAS PLACED IN MY BLOCKED FUNDS. IN REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF MEDICAL FEES, AS YOU KNOW I AM COVERED

/CONTINUED.



-- 2 --

CONTINUED

HERE BY THE HEALTH SCHEME, AND IN ANY CASE THEY APPLY THE YARDSTICK OF PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL FEES TO OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD TO LEAVE ZIMBABWE BECAUSE OF HEALTH. I COULD GIVE YOU SEVERAL EXAMPLES WHERE THEY HAVE NOT SHOWN MUCH CONSIDERATION FOR ME, BUT I WILL QUOTE ONE. YOU ARE AWARE, ALAN, THAT I AM 76 THIS JANUARY, AND TO PUT IT MILDLY, AS THE RESULT OF A SERIES OF HEART ATTACKS, I AM NOT A GOOD RISK. CONSEQUENTLY I WANTED MY SON TO COME UP FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO DISCUSS MY AFFAIRS WITH HIM, AND I ASKED THE RESERVE BANK AUTHORITY THROUGH THE BANK THAT I DEAL WITH, WHETHER I COULD PAY THE AIR FARE FOR MICHAEL AND HIS WIFE FROM SALISBURY TO LONDON AND BACK. (THEY WOULD, OF COURSE, USE ZIMBABWE AIRWAYS). I GOT A REFUSAL.

I HOPE YOU WILL APPRECIATE, ALAN, THAT I AM GIVING YOU THIS DETAIL, NOT THAT I EXPECT ANYONE TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION ON MY BEHALF, BUT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO YOU THAT I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT

HL

23 October 1982

Thank you for your letter of 25 October enclosing an extract from a letter which Lord Boyd has received from Sir Roy Welensky. I have, as you asked, shown the letter to the Prime Minister.

JOHN COLES

Mrs. J.M. Worth



FROM: VISGOUNT BOYD, C.H., D.L.

INCE CASTLE,  
SALTASH,  
CORNWALL. PL12 4RA  
TEL: 075 55 2274  
SALTASH 2274

25th October 1982

*Dear Private Secretary,*

Lord Boyd has asked me to send you the enclosed extract from a letter he has received from Sir Roy Welensky in reply to recent correspondence.

If you think at all appropriate and the opportunity occurs perhaps you would kindly show it to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

*J.M. Worth*

(Mrs. J. M. Worth)  
Private Secretary.

The Private Secretary,  
to The Prime Minister,

(2)

*PRS*

*Prime Minister*

*22/10*

*27/10*

*mf*