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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENTTanzanian Hijackers

1. Thank you for your letter of 14 November asking for an early reply on the action you propose to take regarding two of the five Tanzanian hijackers involved in the forced landing of a Tanzanian Airways aircraft at Stanstead on 27 April 1982.
2. I agree to what you propose with two provisos:-
  - (a) I hope it will be possible to avoid any undue publicity once the decision becomes known; and
  - (b) We should make it clear in any public comment that our decision to allow the Tanzanians to remain in the United Kingdom is a result of undertakings given here in 1982 and does not reflect a lack of trust in Tanzanian assurances.
3. Our High Commissioner has asked that we should give him as much notice as possible before any decision is made public, because it might take some days to get hold of the appropriate Tanzanian Minister. Obviously in present circumstances this will be impossible, and we have therefore asked the High Commissioner, having consulted your officials, to inform the Tanzanians about the decision as soon as possible.
4. I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and the Lord President.

(GEOFFREY HOWE)

Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
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