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
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I attach a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Trevor Huddleston, the Archbishop of the Indian Ocean.

I should be grateful if you could let us have a draft Private Secretary reply to send to Mr. Huddleston. It would be helpful to have this by Friday 4 June.

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The Rt. Hon Mrs. M. Thatcher, MP, PC
10 Downing St,
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18th May 1982

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

I am sure you are aware of the case of three young members of the African National Congress of South Africa, Johnson Lubisi, Petrus Mashigo and Naphtali Manana, whose execution is imminent. Their death sentences were confirmed by the Appellate Division of the South African Supreme Court on 7th April.

I was very encouraged to learn that the United Kingdom delegation joined with the other members of the United Nations Security Council in unanimously adopting Resolution 503, which called upon the South African authorities to commute the death sentences. I understand that the South African Prime Minister has already given an assurance that the State President and the Ministers constituting the Executive Council in South Africa will take cognisance of all appropriate representations. I am sure that any personal representations you are able to make will influence the South African authorities in their consideration of this matter and I hope very much that you will be able to take such an initiative.

Yours sincerely,

+ Trevor Huddleston GC.

Trevor Huddleston, CR
Archbishop of the Province of the
Indian Ocean.