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THE PRIME MINISTER

3 June 1982

Dear Archbishop,

Thank you for your letter of 18 May asking the Government to intervene in the case of Mr. Lubisi, Mr. Mashigo and Mr. Manana who have been condemned to death in South Africa.

The Government associated themselves with the statement made in February 1981 by the President of the United Nations Security Council which expressed concern over the sentences imposed on these three men. As you say, we also supported Security Council Resolution 503, adopted unanimously on 9 April this year, which calls upon the South African authorities to commute the death sentences and urges all states to use their influence and to take urgent measures to save these men's lives.

In the light of this Resolution we, like other Governments, have let the South African Government know of the deep public concern that has been expressed on this matter.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

The Most Reverend Trevor Huddleston, C.I.E., C.B.E.

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