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Dr. Z. K. Matthews and Dr. Clinton Marsh
NAIROBI airport

Dear Dr. Matthews and Clint:

In the light both of the brevity of the visit and the many others planning to come to the airport it seemed pointless to try to make the trip to Nairobi for this purpose alone. However, I have posed the questions I had most earnestly hoped to discuss and hope you may have some chance to consider them briefly.

1) In your judgement, are we correct in continuing to support the three ANC defectors at Arusha even though Oliver Tambo feels we are giving them an easy way out and should have nothing to do with them? After our conversations in July he said he would discuss the matter with other members of the executive and see me again within a week, before we have determined on a final course of action, but he has not done so to date, nor has he opened the matter or suggested an appointment on the occasions when I have seen him. The alternative seems to be to withdraw support and inform the Tanzania immigration authorities we cannot continue our responsibility, leaving further initiative to them. They authorities are not happy with our keeping them in the country but I feel that they would be even less happy for us to take this course, as witnessed by their failure to take Mtangha into custody even after both Dar es Salaam and Arusha immigration offices had informed me that they were going to do so.

2) In the light of the apparent position of Tanzania authorities that the most desirable solution is that we arrange for the movement of these men to another country do you see any unopened lines of exploration that might lead to such a solution?

3) Do you see any further approaches that might be fruitful for the reconciliation of these men with the ANC? Both sides seem adamant- ANC that they must return unconditionally, and the men that they will not return except under duress- but there may be some unexplored avenues we are missing.

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4) Is it possible that you could further investigate the case of Tebajo Philip J. Makate while in Bechuanaland? His wife, Josephine M. Makate, is at P.O. Box 135, Francistown. I wrote to Seretse Khama on this case, and was informed by his senior permanent secretary that the matter had been reviewed but they saw no good reason to lift their prohibited immigrant ban on him, and urged us to arrange for his wife to join him here as soon as possible, which we simply cannot do until his own position is regularized. It would be helpful to know whether the reasons for this decision are simply the implementing of general policy, or whether there are more specific reasons which might throw light on his position here. If you should be in a position to see or communicate with Mrs. Makate it would be greatly appreciated, as I understand her morale is very low- both her letters and reports from Mackay who has seen her personally indicate this. I fully realize that all this may be quite impossible for a variety of reasons, and will quite understand if you can do nothing about it, but I raise it in case there might be a possibility.

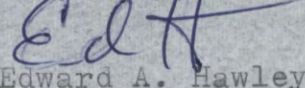
5) I would appreciate your frank evaluation of my conduct of this whole affair. If I have been too soft headedly humanitarian, or in your judgement have been taken in by sob-stories unjustified by the facts I should like to hear it to stiffen me up should similar situations arise in the future.

I am enclosing a copy of the original letter for Clint's files. Did you ever make any disposition of the extra copy I sent you originally intended for Amnesty? Do you advise my informing them or anyone else about the situation?

I am disappointed not to have had the opportunity to discuss this with you personally. If you have an opportunity to discuss this at all with Clint or Kodwo they can pass on the answers the next time we meet, or perhaps send them down with someone coming this way. If not, I leave it to your discretion as to how best to communicate.

Once again, every good wish for your all-important new work. Our prayers will be with you as you work for the cause of right in Southern Africa and peace in the world.

Sincerely,



Edward A. Hawley