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Dear Mr. ap Rees,

It is at the suggestion of your father whom I had the pleasure of meeting at a Freedom From Hunger Campaign Conference in Paris last week that I am writing to you.

I attach for your information a copy of a Memorandum on an agricultural development project in Bechuanaland which has been prepared by the United Kingdom Committee of the Freedom From Hunger Campaign. It is proposed that this project should be jointly financed by the United Kingdom Committee, the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief and by the department of Christian Aid of the British Council of Churches. To this we have agreed.

A team of experts sent out by the United Kingdom Committee will be visiting Bechuanaland from the 11th - 25th June and we have asked the team to arrange to meet representatives of the churches in Bechuanaland. While you yourself are in Bechuanaland as the representative of the United Nations I have nevertheless taken the liberty of suggesting to the visiting team that they should contact you and discuss the proposals with you. I have asked Mr. Noel Paterson, Projects Officer of the United Kingdom Committee, to contact you on his arrival in Bechuanaland.


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The proposals are still confidential and I would ask you to keep the contents of this letter and the attached Memoranda to yourself. The United Kingdom Committee is anxious that there should be no leakage before certain matters have been settled with the Bechuanaland Government. A final decision as to whether this project will in fact be financed from this country has still to be taken and it would be a matter of some embarrassment if news of it leaked out before matters had been finally settled.

I would be glad to receive your reaction to the proposals in due course.

With the best of wishes,

Yours sincerely,

  
V.F.K. Littlewood  
Overseas Secretary

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