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STRICTLY PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Oliver Tambo
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Dear Mr. Tambo:

I am enclosing some correspondence on South Africa that I know that you will find of interest. I have suggested new constitutional arrangements for South Africa. My ideas have been brought to the personal attention of Pieter Botha and Mrs. Thatcher and the Queen.

Before I go on I would like to say that I am not affiliated with any group or organization and my motives are simply to improve the quality of human life and end apartheid for ever. I have written proposals for the peaceful resolution of conflicts which have received the personal attention of at least six Heads of State. I have also had three papers reported to the British House of Commons by their Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, before which you have given evidence.

I would like to give you a raw outline of the proposals I have made. Pieter Botha's proposal for a National Statutory Council was an idea I had proposed to him in correspondence. My proposals are much more intricate than Mr. Botha has announced. First of all, the Council must be truly representative of all South Africans including, of course, the ANC.

I have suggested the following:

- (a) The Presidential role shall change from an Executive one to a titular one which will mean, in effect, that the President will cease to have the powers he now has.
- (b) A new Council shall be created that is truly representative of all South Africans. This Council shall draw up a new Constitution for South Africa. The Council (which Mr. Botha now calls the National Statutory Council) shall receive the powers of the Executive Presidency and shall become in effect the interim governing body in South Africa until the Constitution is agreed on. This Constitution must be ratified by the South African population.

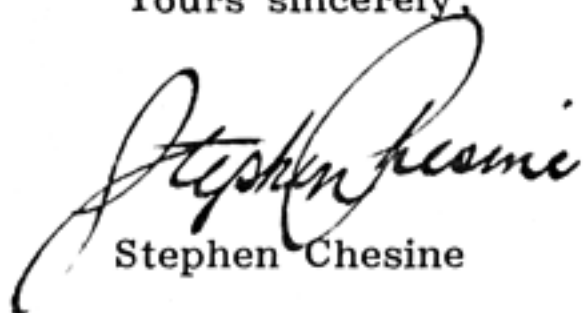
The Council shall assess the following:

- (a) A federal district shall be created that will encompass the central area that produces most of the wealth in South Africa. Since one group's built in control of this area would guarantee permanent conflict, all population groups must be participants.
- (b) Outside of the federal district, provinces shall be delineated. The boundaries of these provinces shall be drawn up by the Council.
- (c) There is a need in South Africa for one homeland only and this is for the Africans who feel the need to preserve their culture. The boundaries of the homeland shall be determined by the Council who shall recognize the great concern of Africans to preserve their cultural heritage. This homeland may not be concentrated in one area only, but shall be spread out as some of the homelands in South Africa now are. The reasons for this are to ensure that this homeland may not in the future try to become a separate state within South Africa. (This does not preclude other homelands for other cultural groups who may request this.) It is suggested that the model for this homeland be based on the special constitutional arrangements found in Finland for the Åland Islanders (this is something I should like to outline in person).

I have had other ideas but the above is what I have so far presented. I would be very interested in your thoughts on these proposals. I am in a position to have your response, if you so wish, reach Pieter Botha and Mrs. Thatcher.

Should you come to Canada, I would very much like to meet you and discuss other ideas that you may wish to know about.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,



Stephen Chesine

Enclosures



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

7th July, 1986

Dear Mr Chesine

Thank you for your letter of 3rd July with copies of further correspondence between yourself and Mrs. Thatcher and the President of the Republic of South Africa, which I have laid before The Queen.

Yours sincerely
H. Steelton

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19 August 1986

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Dear Mr Chesine,

Your suggestions relating to new constitutional arrangements for South Africa are receiving the attention of the State President and have been brought to the attention of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

I shall contact you in due course about your recommendations.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Glenn R.W. Babb'.

Glenn R.W. Babb
AMBASSADOR