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- 1) Mr Creech A.S.C. 6/5.
- 2) Prime Minister

6 May 1983

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Yes Mr

ZIMBABWE: MR NKOMO

Mr Nkomo's present permission to remain in the United Kingdom expires on 12 May and the Home Secretary and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary have been considering how next to proceed.

Attempts through the Commonwealth Secretariat to arrange for his return to Zimbabwe have reached a dead end and Mr Nkomo is likely to want to remain here longer. He has, however, maintained a very low profile since the publicity attending his arrival in March subsided and he has caused virtually no problems; the Zimbabweans are happy for him to be here at the moment.

The Home Secretary and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary consider that Mr Nkomo should be allowed to remain for a further period and, in view of the uncertainty of Mr Nkomo's future intentions, think that it would be proper to agree now that he might do so for the next three months. They would then look at the position again at the end of July.

In order to keep some pressure on Mr Nkomo, it is proposed however, that extensions of his stay should continue to be on a month by month basis.

If the Prime Minister agrees to this proposal, officials will ensure that Mr Nkomo receives his next extension of stay as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roger Bone, (FCO).

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From the Private Secretary

10 May 1983

Thank you for your letter of 6 May about Mr. Nkomo's permission to remain.

The Prime Minister has agreed that Mr. Nkomo's leave to remain here should be extended on a month by month basis and that his position should be re-examined again at the end of July.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roger Bone (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

(TIM FLESHER)

Colin Walters, Esq.,
Home Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET

9 May 1983

From the Private Secretary

Thank you for your letter of 6 May about Mr. Nkomo's permission to remain here. The Prime Minister has agreed that Mr. Nkomo should receive his next extension of stay until the end of July as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this to Roger Bone (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

TIMOTHY FLESHER

Colin Walters, Esq.,
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