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Mr G. Mukande,
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Royal Establishment,
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WITHOUT PREJUDICE

RE: THE BAROTSELAND AGREEMENT 1964

Further to your request yesterday that I put in writing the Government's position on the Barotseland Agreement 1964, I wish to advise that we have considered your submission in this matter. As we understand it, your case is that this Agreement is alive and should be restored.

It is the Government position that we cannot negotiate this Agreement on the following grounds:-

- (a) That the terms and clauses of the Agreement were incorporated into the Laws of Zambia in 1964, when they became subject to amendment and alteration just as any other Laws.
- (b) That the procedure for amending the law of the land was followed, the said amendments having been tabulated and presented before Parliament and subsequently assented to by the President.
- (c) Our further inquiries show that no judicial process was commenced by the Royal Establishment or any other party aggrieved by the proposed amendments in reasonable time. It is our position that the demand is stale as it has been overtaken by events and is no longer legal.

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However Government is willing to discuss other issues which you raised without relating them to the Agreement, such as land issues, grants and welfare of chiefs and indunas. Government is prepared to discuss and resolve these matters politically.

Yours sincerely,



Godfrey Miyanda, MP
BRIGADIER GENERAL
MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO