

APPENDIX  
STATE HOUSE  
LUSAKA  
THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

7th June, 1973.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair:

I am writing to tell you of the deep personal grief which I have felt, and which is shared by the people of Zambia, at the tragic death of your daughter Christine.

It is a matter of deep regret that this innocent young girl met her death as a result of the current serious confrontation between my country and the minority racist rebel regime in Rhodesia—an issue on which my government has already expressed its firm position.

I am not writing to you with these issues in mind, as serious as they are. I am writing as a parent, solely for the purpose of expressing my profound heartfelt sympathy upon the tragic loss of your daughter. The people of Zambia join with me in expressing deep regret at her death.

I realize that nothing material could make up to you for the loss of one of your family. I emphasise too that a

member of my security force acted in accordance with his duty in the tense warlike conditions which have existed along the Zambezi River for many months.

Nevertheless, as an indication of my country's deep regret at the loss you have sustained and of the esteem we feel toward the Canadian people, I am asking my government officials to discuss with the Canadian High Commission in Zambia the question of ex gratia payment to you. I hope that you will accept this gesture as a further expression of my deep sympathy and that of the Zambian nation.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Kenneth Kaunda  
President of the Republic of Zambia.

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