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Dear Mr Holman

Re: ACCESS TO PERSONAL FILES

Thank you for your faxed letter of 23 November 1994. I realise you were in Zimbabwe during the month of November. Unfortunately I have been travelling within the region and abroad since beginning of November until 12 December.

Concerning your request to have access to your personal files in our archives, I regret to say that our laws (official Secrets Act) have not yet been amended to give a right to a person to have access to their files. It is an issue I have discussed with the Attorney-General and he has promised to look into it after New Year. Once such an amendment has gone through I shall let you know.

Best regards and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

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