

VISIT TO SCOTLAND BY JOSEPH LAGU AND PETER EVERINGTON
Monday Jan 15 to Saturday Jan 20 1990.

MONDAY

0930 meet at Acton Town station.
1030 train leaves Kings Cross
1730 arrive Aberdeen. Mr and Mrs William Crichton take us to stay in their home for two nights. [REDACTED]

TUESDAY

1030 Mr Patrick Wolrige Gordon takes us for a walk along the sea coast and then to lunch at his home. He is a farmer and was once a Conservative MP for his area. His wife Anne is author of a book about her late father Peter Howard. [REDACTED]
SUPPER with Mr and Mrs Finlay Moir in their home. [REDACTED]
2030 meeting with the Overseas Committee of Beechgrove Church.

WEDNESDAY

0955 Depart Aberdeen by train. [REDACTED]
1210 arrive Leuchars. Met by Mr Ronald Keymer and his wife Dr Mary Keymer who take us to their home in St Andrews for lunch, where we also meet Wing-Commander and Mrs Edward Howell. Mr Keymer was Chairman of Sudan Mercantile. Wing-Commander Howell is author of 'Escape to Live'. After lunch the Howells take us on a tour of St Andrews. [REDACTED]
1604 train leaves Leuchars
1712 arrive Edinburgh. Our hosts there are: [REDACTED]
Mr and Mrs Andrew Hastings [REDACTED]
Mr Henry Macnicol [REDACTED]
Dr Roger and Dr Monica Spooner. [REDACTED]

THURSDAY

Morning tour of Edinburgh, including the Castle, with Mr Hastings. Lunch and tea dates to be confirmed.
1930 meeting when General Lagu will address a group of distinguished Scottish citizens.

FRIDAY

Morning visit to East Lothian region and meeting with Mr and Mrs Michael Barrett. Mr Barrett was a close associate of Dr Frank Buchman. His wife is a granddaughter of Prime Minister Lloyd George. [REDACTED]
Lunch and afternoon programme to be confirmed. [REDACTED]
1830 leave by train to Glasgow.
1915 arrive Glasgow. Met by Dr Bryan Stack who takes us to his home for dinner, probably with other guests. Dr Stack is a Senior Consultant Physician who has been often to Sudan. His wife Janet is a lecturer in Computer Science. [REDACTED] W000
2350 leave Glasgow by train sleeper. [REDACTED]

SATURDAY

0608 arrive London Euston.

Thurs lunch Christian van Arman, political adviser of Sudan, hosted by Mr John Hester Kilmer, former admiral & Edinburgh City Council

*Fri lunch tea
lunch by Kilmer, Petrina Scholes.
Reu Dr Davis*

PETER EVERINGTON

London

Jan 22nd '90

Dear Finlay, Cath, George, Henry, Andy, Hazel, Roger, Monica,

Towards the end of our 5-day visit to Scotland, Joseph Lagu said to me, "This has been my best journey in Britain".

Our warm thanks to you and all who gave such generous hospitality, not forgetting friends in the West who were ready to help if we could have stayed longer.

Joseph's first wish was to visit the people at Beechgrove Church in Aberdeen whose invitation to speak last September he could not fulfil. In September, as it turned out, a seven-week dialogue on the basis for peace in Sudan started in Khartoum. Joseph had instigated the dialogue and was made Deputy Chairman of it. In early November he was spokesman of a delegation which went to explain its findings to President Mubarak and other Egyptian leaders. So last Tuesday he appreciated the chance to talk about these issues with the Overseas Committee of Beechgrove Church.

Secondly he wanted to visit his old headmaster who he had last seen in Rumbek School, South Sudan, in 1954. Mr and Mrs William Crichton, now in their late seventies, live in retirement in Aberdeen where he is President of the Royal Deeside Golf Club. After 16 years in the Sudan Educational Service, he founded and was 17 years headmaster of a school in South-West Uganda. He has recently been back, meeting President Museveni and other old boys who want to reconstruct the school after the civil war. Joseph and I stayed with the Crichtons for two days which included half a day with the Wolrige Gordons.

On the way South we had lunch with the Keymers in St Andrews. They were in Sudan 1946-63, where he was head of Sudan Mercantile, agents for Ford cars and Ruston pumps. They first met MRA through a showing in Khartoum of 'The Crowning Experience'. They invited Edward and Wanda Howell to lunch, who with Patrick Spooner showed us round the town. Joseph has read Edward's book and seen the TV film, so was delighted to meet the man himself.

During our short visit to Scotland we were in eight homes and Joseph commented warmly on the "sociable" atmosphere he found, for instance with the Hastings household, where we stayed two nights. As a soldier too, he relishes the history of peoples, their wars and treaties and their heroic personalities who have sought to bring whole nations closer to God. So he was stirred by his visit to the Scottish War Memorial in Edinburgh Castle and to the restored St Mary's Haddington, and by the



story of Lindisfarne which we saw in bright sunlight from the train.

Above all he was grateful to meet you and so many of your friends who have a genuine concern for his country and a desire to enhance the contribution he is making towards peace. I cannot think of them all but remember the foreign leader writer of the Scotsman, the STV documentary maker, the former Deputy Chaplain General, the Editor of 'Life and Work', and the distinguished group who met with MRA friends, maybe 35 in all, in the Spooners' home to hear Joseph speak.

Before catching the night sleeper on Friday from Glasgow we were given dinner in Bearsden by my second cousin, a consultant physician who visits the Medical Faculty in Khartoum University and trains Sudanese postgraduates in Scotland. His wife lectures in Computer Science at Glasgow University. Also present was his younger brother, a Major in the Royal Engineers, with his wife. She told us all how she found a real Christian faith with the help of her music teacher Enid Richardson who is in Moral Re-Armament.

One morning, very soon after waking, Joseph said, "I feel this crisis in Azerbaijan and Armenia as if it was my own country". In Sudan too he feels it is a conflict between rival groups whose faith has been fatally corrupted by nationalism and personal ambitions. He wrestles with how to live his own faith fully and yet be a bridge to the Muslims.

On another occasion, when being interviewed for a Sunday morning radio programme in Aberdeen, he said, "Africa has received so much from the West, and the good far outweighs the evil. I have come to see if we can now give something".

Lloyd Mullen writes from Uganda where he is British Council Representative (and a good friend to the MRA team): "Can Europe's East and West cousins now unite to help Africa?"

Joseph and I will be grateful for any thoughts that you have on these questions. Before returning to Sudan (probably early February) he wants, with his wife Amna, to visit a political rival who lives in Oxford in an attempt to heal old wounds. Before that on Thursday 25th Jan at 26 Catherine Place he will address a group of about 25 after a buffet lunch, on the theme "What is to be done for the future of Sudan?" Those coming include the Sudan Ambassador, the Minister at the Egyptian Embassy, a representative from the U.S. Embassy, and people from O.D.A., the City of London, British Council, and B.B.C.

Again our warmest thanks for your friendship and support.

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SAN SALVADOR, 21 DE AGOSTO DE 1990.-

EXCELENTISIMO SENOR
EMBAJADOR DEL SUDAN
REINO UNIDO.-

EXCELENTISIMO SENOR EMBAJADOR:

ESTA CORTE SUPREMA DE JUSTICIA JUNTAMENTE CON EL MOVIMIENTO DEL REARME MORAL HA AUSPICIAO LA REALIZACION DE UNA CONFERENCIA INTERNACIONAL DENOMINADA "REENCUENTRO MORAL POR LA PAZ" A CELEBRARSE LOS DIAS 13 Y 14 DE SEPTIEMBRE ENTRANTE, EN LA CIUDAD DE SAN SALVADOR.

A ESTE EVENTO HEMOS INTIVADO AL SENOR EMBAJADOR JOSEPH LAGU, QUIEN HA ACEPTADO PARTICIPAR.

CONSIDERANDO QUE LA PRESENCIA DEL GRAL. LAGU ES DE GRAN IMPORTANCIA PARA LOS FINES PERSEGUIDOS POR LOS ORGANIZADORES, ROGAMOS A SU EXCELENCIA FACILITAR LOS TRAMITES NECESARIOS QUE PERMITAN VIAJAR AL DISTINGUIDO CABALLERO SUDANES A EL SALVADOR.

PRESENTAMOS LAS MUESTRAS DE CONSIDERACION AL EXCELENTISIMO SENOR EMBAJADOR DEL SUDAN EN EL REINO UNIDO.



[Handwritten Signature]
DR. OSCAR RODRIGUEZ DIAZ
MAGISTRADO PRESIDENTE SALA DE LO PENAL
CORTE SUPREMA DE JUSTICIA

FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE

San Salvador

21st August, 1990

His Excellency,
The Ambassador of the Sudan.

LONDON

Your Excellency,

This Supreme Court of Justice together with the Moral Re-Armament movement have brought to fruition an International Conference entitled "A moral encounter for Peace". This will take place from the 13th to 14th of September, 1990, in the city of San Salvador.

To this meeting we have invited Ambassador Joseph Lagu who has accepted to take part.

In the careful assessment of the organisers the presence of General Lagu is of great importance. We therefore ask Your Excellency to facilitate the necessary steps which will enable this distinguished Sudanese to travel to San Salvador.

I send my highest regards to Your Excellency, The Ambassador of Sudan in Great Britain.

Dr Oscar Rodriguez Diaz

Presiding Judge of Penal Court
of the Supreme Court of Justice.

Dr Mauricio Gutierrez Castro
President of the Supreme Court of El Salvador
San Salvador, El Salvador

April 8, 1992

Your Honour,

At the conclusion of my visit I wish to make this brief report.

I have met and talked to a cross-section of people: politicians, judges, The Military, the FMLN and the common people in various areas. Besides San Salvador, I visited the following places: San Miguel, Santa Ana, Metapan, Las Marias and two coastal locations. Las Marias is an FMLN camp.

As this is my third visit, I noticed remarkable changes in the right direction. There were no troops patrolling the roads between the airport and the city or in the streets of San Salvador (as could be seen on previous visits in July 1990 and September 1990) - only a few policemen are seen here and there. This is a real sign of peace in the country.

I have observed that as much as there is happiness for the achievement of peace, some clouds of doubt still hang over the country as to the conflicting parties' commitment to peace, and to the implementation of the Agreement. These doubts could be read in the faces of The Military, the FMLN, and the average person on the street as one talked and listened to them. These clouds of doubt need to be cleared. The Military feel that the FMLN have not and are not willing to reveal their best arms - therefore they must have other plans. On the other hand, the FMLN feel that little change has occurred - that no move is being made towards the implementation of the Agreement. However, both sides observe that there is a desire for a real and lasting peace. This is a hopeful sign.

The finger seems to point more towards the right-wing elements for lack of progress in the implementation and possible sabotage of the Agreement. Caution has to be observed not to lose the right-wing, but to persuade them to accept and cooperate in the implementation of the Agreement.

I noticed that the presence of the United Nations Observer Force and personnel is very much welcomed by those who doubt the commitment of either or both sides to the implementation of the peace accord. To them, the UN presence is an assurance that all will go well. The UN is their hope.

I recommend the following:

1. Contact between the political leadership and The Military on one side and the FMLN on the other should be encouraged and

expanded at all levels, starting at the top. As they begin to know each other, they will discover in one another the common qualities necessary to develop understanding. Maintaining contact will prevent misunderstandings from occurring.

2. The men and women of the FMLN must be kept hopeful and fully occupied as they gather in the camps. Idle minds are dangerous.
3. The living conditions in the FMLN camps need attention and improvement.
4. The Military too must be given hope and confidence that the end of the war will not mean unemployment for them. Perhaps the Government may think of offering their services for peace-keeping operations with the UN elsewhere in the conflict areas of the world. This will make clear that they are still needed. Hope of service abroad will result in excitement. This would be a positive step.

My best wishes,

Joseph Lagu
Lt. Gen. (Retired)
Former Vice President of the Republic of Sudan
Roving Ambassador of Republic of Sudan

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21 April 1992

REFERENCE:

My dear General,

Many thanks for your letter of 15 April with which you enclosed some documents resulting from your recent visit to El Salvador. I have read them with interest. If I may say so, you struck exactly the right note. It was particularly pleasing to see your positive remarks about this Organization's involvement in the El Salvador peace process.

The only point on which I hesitated was in the last paragraph of your letter to the President of the Supreme Court. I have for some months now been discussing with the Permanent Representative of El Salvador here the possibility of the Army contributing to United Nations peace-keeping operations. He, of course, is very keen and one could see that this would be a morale-booster for the troops. But the reality, I am afraid, is that the reputation of the Salvadorian Army is such that it will be some years yet before we can expect it to be an accepted contributor to peace-keeping operations. Certainly the processes of reduction and "purification" will have to take effect before then.

My second purpose in writing is to assure you that your own interest in possible posts in peace-keeping has not been forgotten. Nor could it be, given the number of your friends who write to extol your qualities!

With best wishes to you and your family,

Yours sincerely,

Marrack Goulding

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March 29 1993

H.E. Dr. Boutros Boutros Ghali
Secretary General, United Nations
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Your Excellency,

When, as Sudan's permanent representative, I paid a farewell call on you in January last year I was not to know that I would be a participant in the non-governmental action of Moral Re-Armament to support the Cambodian peace process.

I refer to the seminar held in Phnom Penh March 26 and 27 1993 on *Confidence Building for Peace in Cambodia*.

The professional experience provided, inter alia, by Mr. Tim Carney, Prof. Reginald Austin and Mr. Fernandes of UNTAC was blended with authoritative first-hand accounts of case studies in reconciliation through Moral Re-Armament. A blend of concept and experience provided a genuine forum at which Cambodian leaders, intellectual youth and citizens were encouraged to embrace the future with confidence.

It is with very much pleasure that I attach a report on this unique action sponsored by Moral Re-Armament in pursuit of its association with the United Nations in New York.

Might I mention that, as Roving Ambassador for the Sudan, I was greatly encouraged by the support given by Khartoum to my action. I have a sense they feel the need to be fully cognisant with the creative possibilities of the UN action in Cambodia.

I am yours respectfully,



Joseph Lagu
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21st September 1993

H.E. Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali,
Secretary General of the United Nations,
UN Headquarters, New York, N.Y., 10017.

Your Excellency,

I am writing to follow up an application I first made less than two years ago to serve in the UN in the area of peace-keeping or conflict resolution. This application was supported by my Government in a letter of recommendation addressed to you by my President. Enclosed is a copy. I presented the original to you on 24th January 1992, the day I met you to say farewell on leaving my post as Sudan's Representative at the UN.

In the last two years I have sent reports on matters of interest to your office. Many of them derive from my unpaid work with Moral Re-Armament in El Salvador, Cambodia, and South Africa. Since your years in the Egyptian Government you have encouraged this organisation (now a UN-recognised NGO) in its noble stand for peace and reconciliation. As a citizen and serving official of my country, I am also active in the quest for peace in the Sudan. I was recently in Khartoum and Juba from 4th August to 5th September.

When we met in 1992 you remarked that, as a former Vice-President of my country and with experience of helping end Sudan's first civil war, I would fit into the kind of work Lord Owen and Mr Cyrus Vance were doing in former Yugoslavia. You also said that nothing was going to materialize immediately as you needed time to reorganize your office, a point that I well understood.

With the needs and opportunities that have since arisen in Africa and the Middle East and elsewhere, I strongly believe I have a role to play in conflict resolution, and am available for a post anywhere in the world. I shall be grateful for your fresh consideration of where I can best contribute.

In conclusion, Excellency, please accept the assurance of my highest esteem and consideration for your office.

Yours sincerely,



Joseph Lagu,
Lt. Gen. (retd),
Roving Ambassador of Sudan.



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

4 October 1993

Excellency,

Thank you for your letter of 21 September 1993. I do indeed recall your application to serve in the United Nations in the area of peace-keeping and conflict resolution. I also remember the letter of recommendation by His Excellency President Omer Hassan Ahmad Al Bashir.

Your long experience of military and diplomatic affairs, your close links with the United Nations, and your experience of work in the field certainly qualify you for a position in peace-keeping and conflict resolution. Unfortunately, no such position exists at the moment. Should a position suiting your particular talents become vacant, we shall be in touch with your office.

Please accept, in the meantime, the assurances of my highest consideration and my appreciation of your work with Moral Re-Armament.

with warmest regards

Boutros Boutros-Ghali

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2 November 1993

Dear Peter and Jean, *EVERINGTON*

Your friend, General Lagu, left Edinburgh yesterday (and I spoke to him to make sure he'd got home that evening). He has given us two days to remember, with his joy, courage, wisdom, faith and loyalty to his Lord.

The programme was full. His first assignment was to speak at a national gathering of Sudan students which took place in the Pleasance Theatre here over the week-end. The Sudanese Ambassador came up from London and also spoke. I met some of the fine young men, mostly postgraduate PhD students who will go back and teach in their country. All, I gathered Northerners. (Joseph got them all singing with him, "I have decided to stand up for peace" and he got me to sing with him, "Wide, wide as the ocean".

After Joseph had a late night with them, I picked him up for lunch on Sunday. From this point he moved with us (sleeping in Rex's bed for the night - porridge for breakfast). There is a genuine concern for the Sudan in the Church of Scotland just now; and from this point, our host was the Rev. David Torrance, youngest of three notable brothers, ministers in the Kirk. We have come to know him through the group which Dr McLuskey has gathered to meet with us periodically.

David picked up Joseph and me and drove us to his home in North Berwick, for a leisurely talk, and a meal - before taking us to his church, where a gathering came to meet the General after the evening service. Among them was "young David", Torrance's son, also a minister, who had arrived back from Turkey that morning to his home in Glasgow, and without sleep drove across Scotland to meet us. (As his father drove us back late that evening, young David was plying Joseph with questions all the way.)

Next day, after a morning coffee at John Htet-Khin's home with Hastings, Carson, Williamson and me, came a 1½ hour "working lunch" with the Convenor of the Church of Scotland's "Board of World Mission", Chris Wigglesworth. He brought two younger colleagues, both very clued up on the Sudan, who took full notes of all Joseph gave them; to print in their news-letter.

Catching the three o'clock train (which was obligingly waiting for us at the Waverley station, ten minutes late in starting) Joseph sped on his way, leaving a trail of faith and Godly friendships behind him.

(The "Scotsman" interview, which Torrance had also laid on, didn't take place, as the interviewer got flu. But Joseph left her the text of his message.)

Gratefully ever,

Harry

MACNACOL

*- and thank you for Sydney Cook's letter.
You are in our prayers, with your mission to
Joseph's country - to the Cyprus, Peter.*

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December 31st 1993

Rt Hon John Major, MP,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

Dear Prime Minister,

As one longing for peace in my country, the Sudan, I am delighted by the developments towards peace in Northern Ireland.

My congratulations to you and Mr Albert Reynolds. May Providence continue to guide your steps along this difficult path. I pray that the paramilitaries will respond to your call, and accept this chance to join the democratic process.

I know from personal experience how hard it is to stop a long drawn out conflict. For five years I commanded a guerrilla army against my Government, in Sudan's first civil war, before making peace with the then President in 1972.

Sadly my country is in renewed conflict. Hatred, contempt, and the lust for power have so far frustrated the best efforts of the peacemakers.

Many of us in the wider world are inspired by the prospect of a lasting peace in Northern Ireland, and by the model of hope this represents for us all.

May God richly bless your endeavours.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Lagu
Roving Ambassador
Republic of the Sudan

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2 February 1995

Dear Friends: Lasserres, Chavannes, Tates, and All

It was a wonderful time we had with you in Boulogne. The people you organised for us to meet have been pleasant. We learnt from them perhaps more than we gave them. In brief it has been an exciting exchange of experiences.

The evening of the piano concert had its own place for remembrance in our minds as one recalls the movement of Victor's experienced fingers.

The time with the Ayatollah, the dinner with Mustafa at the Tates, and the dinner with the Nigerian Ambassador and his wife at the Chavannes, all left in us pleasant memories.

As for Joseph, the time spent with his compatriot Ambassador Nureldin Satti has been soul searching and physically comforting. Joseph sees glimpses of hope to the solution of his country's chronic problems in the faces of open minded younger compatriots from Northern Sudan such as the Ambassador.

It was pleasant too for Joseph to meet his old colleague at the United Nations, Ambassador Amir Al Anbari. The friendship Al Anbari sustained and the memorable Arab hospitality he exhibited by taking Joseph and two of his companions to lunch at the UNESCO restaurant, one of Paris's distinguished restaurants.

And how wonderful that Ambassador Nureldin Satti found Peter's old friend with whom they started French lessons in Sudan Secondary Schools. The unexpected but most welcome meeting of the two friends at the residence of a one time student of Peter Everington.

Joseph concludes by congratulating Mr. Everington and Ambassador Satti as having been good teacher and student. The two may contribute to bring to normalcy the country one taught in and the other's homeland, now in crisis.

Peter concludes by thanking you on behalf of us both for your generosity in providing Eurostar tickets, and for all the care and courtesies of the three homes we visited. Among many wonderful meals, the salmon, l'Ile Flottante, and le Pruneau a l'Armagnac linger in the memory. I just hope L'Entente Cordiale survives the Battle of Twickenham on Saturday.

Joseph Lager

Peter E

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9th November, 1995

Mr P Everington
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Dear Peter

Thank you for coming down to Cardiff with General Lagu. We all felt it was an excellent evening and deeply appreciated. The representatives from the UNA were delighted with the turn out. Apparently, they normally have a very poor response to their meetings, even when they have quite high profile people speaking, so they were quite pessimistic. This is the first year we have started to work with them. Your talks generated a great deal of interest amongst the audience. Kathleen Richards, who worked in the Sudan for a number of years found it very interesting and was delighted to meet General Lagu. I had not met Professor Robin Attfield before that evening - he sat on your right - but Idrees tells me he also knew your friends from Swansea. I was glad Sarah and Pep attended that evening. Pep was very helpful during the evening when we showed the video *The Serene Smile* as he has a lot of experience working on the local TV station in Spain.

We received a very nice letter from the Lord Lieutenant, Norman Lloyd Edwards, regretting that he was unable to come due to another engagement that evening. He remembered the visit of the Jordanians to Cardiff and sent you and General Lagu his regards. Viscount Tonypany also sent his regrets and wished us well.

I have not heard anything from David Wardrup regarding the book he is compiling for the UN International Year of Tolerance. I did send him a short piece before the deadline had gone but I have also sent him a copy of Gen Lagu's talk, hoping that he will be able to use it. I will be in touch with you again if I hear anything from him.

I do hope you will forgive any shortcomings in the arrangements.

Warmest wishes to you and Jean from Idrees & myself.

Yours sincerely

Lorraine

P.S. Enclosed cheque to cover your expenses!

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21 January 1997

Cllr. Madhav Patil
Mayor, London Borough of Ealing.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

It was a delightful day, Sunday 19th of this month. Your brief statement, not a speech as you said at coffee at the polygon, awoke everyone to be attentive. Thereafter, I observed that the conversations between friends standing in groups became even more lively.

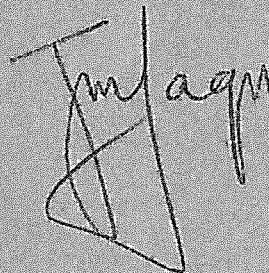
How wonderful! You made yourself available to all and moved from one group to another. I sensed that everyone enjoyed your presence.

From the brief moment you had with our group, you demonstrated friendliness and simplicity and readily gave me your business card and asked for my name. That made me to be interested in you as well. I also noted that you are a well informed person on international affairs. You have been following some of the of events in my trouble-infested country, the Sudan.

In view of the above, I feel to have some little time with you for more conversations, share views and experiences. I am thinking of inviting you and Madam to our place for tea or coffee on a week-end at your convenience within this month or the next.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Lagu
Roving Ambassador
Republic of Sudan.



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Peter Hannon
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24 March 1999

Dear Peter,

Warm regards to you and to Lady Fiona.

As an African guerrilla leader who became a peacemaker, now resident in UK, I would like to offer some thoughts on the peace process in Northern Ireland by writing to a friend like you.

First, I have been deeply moved by the degree of cooperation over the issue of peace moves in Northern Ireland between the governments and opposition parties since when John Major was Prime Minister. They truly tackled the issue as a national concern putting aside party interests. I have been equally moved by the speed with which the other side responded and cooperated with the help of the Government of Republic of Ireland to the peace process. When there is good will on either side, as it has been in this case, there is hope.

Secondly, I can understand the mistrust on the issue of the decommissioning of arms. I first trained as a regular officer in the Sudanese Army. I responded to the call of Southern politicians driven into rebellion by the military. Those called me to organise and command a guerrilla force, to continue to challenge the military government in the North and press for the Southern rights militarily as well.

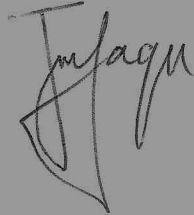
When I judged it timely, I responded and accepted to open peace negotiations with the government and an accord was signed at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in March 1972, which gave the Sudan 11 years of peace. During the negotiations, one of the issues that troubled the Sudan Government and the Arab Northern Sudanese was the decommissioning of our weapons.

When I flew to Khartoum, I was asked at a press conference organised by the Minister of Information and by the Minister himself, "When will your men surrender their arms"? My answer, "There is no surrender of arms, no side has been defeated to surrender arms. Two brothers have been fighting and have decided to end their quarrel. What will happen is that when 6,000 of my men will be taken into the armed forces, some to the auxiliary forces and administration as agreed upon, they will be issued new arms and will not need the old ones. Those will become state property and the state will then do what it likes with them". I was never asked again about the surrender of arms and things went smoothly as my answer to the Minister's question.

I am well aware of the differences between the two national situations – but I understand enough of the Northern Ireland peace process to recognise the urgent need

for trust on specific issues. My prayers and thoughts are very much with those now working so hard to implement what has been agreed. As someone who owes much to the people of these islands, I would wish to share my experiences of such peace processes whenever they might be considered useful. A lot has been achieved through trust. I would humbly appeal to those implementing the agreement to continue with trust and exercise a degree of flexibility.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Lagu'. The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Joseph Lagu

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22 July 1999

Dear General,

As a Sudanese now resident in UK, I have followed events in Northern Ireland with keen concern. In the current peace process, I think of your duties as perhaps the most difficult, and possibly frustrating.

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My thoughts and prayers are with you in your formidable task. I should count it a privilege to meet you, perhaps if you are visiting London. Otherwise I would be glad to visit you in Belfast.

Mr. Peter Everington, an English friend who was a teacher in my country, has effected my introduction to your office through the Canadian High Commission in London.

Yours truly,



Joseph Lagu

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Sainte-Foy, August 19, 1999

General A.J.G.D. de Chastelain
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Dear General,

I am just back from Switzerland where I was participating at the *Agenda for Reconciliation* session at Caux, the Moral Re-Armament international conference centre. I am writing to you about a particular subject.

While in Caux, I met Lt. Gen. Joseph Lagu, of the Sudan, who wrote to you in Belfast on July 22nd, 1999 to offer his services following his experiences in Sudan and his trips to Cambodia and El Salvador on the subject of decommissioning.

Can I humbly but strongly encourage you to meet him as a man and as an agent of reconciliation and of peace in relation to the great needs in Ireland? I know General Lagu since at least ten years and I welcomed him in Canada two years ago where he could meet his countrymen and many people including some of the leaders of the First Nations people with whom I am working closely. Another reason for which I am encouraging you to meet him is that my heart is very much in Ireland, North and South, where I worked with the Moral Re-Armament NGO at several occasions in the seventies and early eighties.

You will find, enclosed, some documents relevant to the points mentioned above. At page 11 of the report *An Agenda for Reconciliation* you will find a picture and text of General Lagu; in the document *Agenda for Reconciliation, A global trust-building network*, his name appears on the list of people included as members of the International Advisory Council.

May I congratulate you on your important work in Ireland and assure you of my prayers for fruitful negotiations.

Yours truly,

Laurent Gagnon

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20 September 1999

Lt. Gen. Mkungu Joseph Lagu (Ret'd) Hon. D. Letts
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Dear *General Lagu,*

Many thanks for your 22 July letter which arrived in Belfast after my departure to Canada for the summer, and which I only received when I returned earlier this month.

Let me say how impressed I am by the brief account of your experiences, both as a soldier and as a diplomat, and how grateful I am for your offer of assistance.

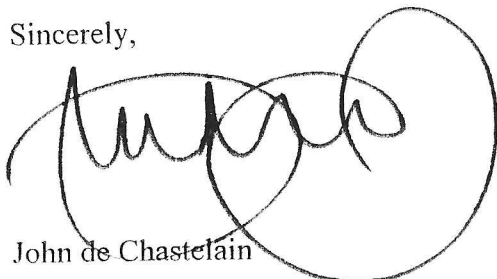
As you will know, the peace process here is in a state of suspense at the moment, while Senator Mitchell conducts a review of the Good Friday Agreement of 10 April last year. While the Commission believes there is no technical or logistic impediment to our completing our task in the time remaining, that is by 22 May of next year, we believe it is unlikely that paramilitary groups will seriously consider a start to decommissioning before the review is over.

We remain hopeful, however, that the paramilitary groups will decide to decommission their arms within the timeframe called for in the Agreement.

As the Commission was brought into being by legislation in each of the British and Irish Parliaments, and as our activities are controlled both by those Acts and by regulations put in place by both governments, the Commission is constrained as to the contacts we make and the advice we receive. That said, I would be happy to meet with you if your business ever brings you to Belfast.

Thank you again for your letter, and my apologies once more for this delayed reply.

Sincerely,



John de Chastelain

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15 December 1999

Lieutenant General Mkungu Joseph Lagu (Retd.) Hon. D.Letts
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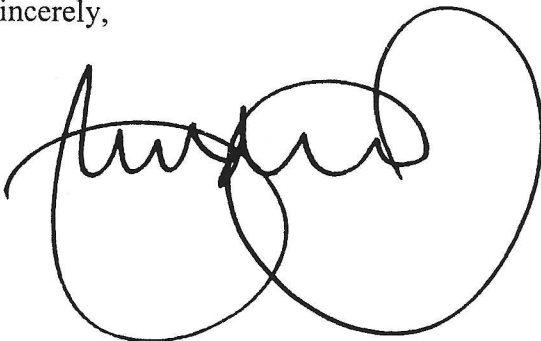
General Lagu,

Thank you for your 09 December letter and your comments on the Mitchell Review and the ongoing moves to implement the Good Friday Agreement.

There have been some very encouraging progress in the past few weeks, with the setting up of the Executive and the other political institutions called for by the Agreement. Much work remains to be done, however, before the process is truly launched, but I remain optimistic that the will exists to do so.

Thank you again for your letter, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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John de Chastelain

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The Rt. Hon. David Trimble, MP
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17 February 2000

Dear Mr. Trimble,

As a Sudanese now resident in UK, I have followed events in Northern Ireland with keen concern. I have admired the courage of your leadership and, as a former political leader myself, I feel for you deeply in the present crisis.

I commanded the South Sudan guerrilla army, which fought the northern dominated Khartoum government for nine years as from 1963. In March 1972, I signed a peace accord with the government. The anxiety of the North was the timetable for the decommissioning of our arms. On our Southern side was the fear that the North might not honour the Peace Agreement. However, trust was established and six thousand of my fighters were integrated into the national army. I became GOC of a division, and later Vice-President of the Sudan, then Ambassador to the UN.

I am now doing my best to help end Sudan's second civil war and have also been invited to El Salvador and Cambodia to share my post-war experiences. If there were any small contribution I could make towards peace in Northern Ireland, I would gladly do so. I am aware that Northern Ireland presents a unique difficulty. Yet since the cease-fire, everyone has enjoyed the benefit of peace and the vast majority wishes it to continue.

Please be assured that my thoughts and prayers are with you daily as you wrestle with the complexities of the present situation. I should very much like to meet you on one of your visits to London. Otherwise I could come and see you in Belfast.

From my experience the most difficult part of a peace accord lies in the implementation. I firmly believe that even now the Good Friday Agreement can be made to work.

Yours truly,



Joseph Lagu

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Mr. Gerry Adams,
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Dublin 1,
Republic of Ireland.

29 February 2000

Dear Mr. Adams,

As a Southern Sudanese and leader of a former liberation movement, now resident in the United Kingdom, I have been following events in Northern Ireland closely.

I have watched and heard you talk over the television. Your calm and consistency impress me. I see in you one struggling for justice for his people with a human face and without bitterness.

I also struggled for justice for my people. I commanded the South Sudan guerrilla army, which fought the northern dominated Khartoum government for nine years as from 1963. In my struggle, I tried my best with the help of the good Lord not to maintain bitterness. In December 1971, I released unconditionally survivors of a plane crash; mainly northern Sudanese to show a human face to my opponents. They were amazed and embarrassed. It led to a change of attitude on their side. Consequently, they took a peace initiative and we responded. Peace talks followed.

In March 1972, I signed a peace accord with the government. The anxiety of the North was the timetable for the decommissioning of our arms. On our Southern side was the fear that the North might not honour the Peace Agreement. I see similarities in your situation. In our case trust was established and six thousand of my fighters were integrated into the national army. I became General Officer Commanding (GOC) a division, and later Vice-President.

Sadly, war resumed eleven years later under different circumstances. We Sudanese from South and North still need help to resolve our differences at a deeper level.

Having seen the horrors of civil wars in my own country, I have responded to invitations to visit El Salvador and Cambodia to share my post-war experiences with people in those countries. It is for the same reason that I feel to share experiences with you. If there were any small contribution I could make towards preserving the peace in your country and making the Good Friday Agreement work, I would gladly do so. I am aware that Northern Ireland presents a unique difficulty. Yet since the cease-fire, everyone has enjoyed the benefit of peace and the vast majority wishes it to continue. Your contribution towards preserving the cease-fire has been outstanding.

Be assured that the thoughts and prayers of all peace loving people are with you daily as you wrestle with the complexities of the present situation. I should very much like to meet you one day.

From my experience the most difficult part of a peace accord lies in the implementation. It is what you are experiencing. Hopefully, those of you on either side, who understand the wishes of the people, will help them pass over the hurdle obstructing the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement.

Yours truly,

Joseph Lagu

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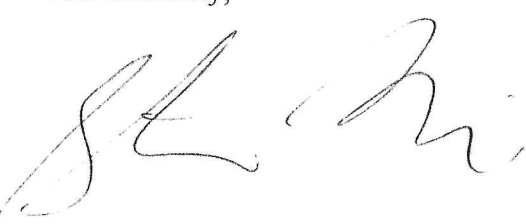
Lt. Gen Mkungu Joseph Lagu
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Dear Lt. Gen. Lagu

Thank you for your recent communication. I am very gratified by your support and am pleased to confirm my continued support for a resolution of the problems of Northern Ireland by political means alone.

Many Thanks again.

Yours sincerely,



The Rt. Hon David Trimble MP MLA