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Date: 26th. July, 1984.

Your ref:

Dear Sir,

Re: Georgina Buckman, 30, Totland House, Vermont Road, SW18.

Georgina Buckman is under threat of removal from this country by the Home Office on 20th. August, 1984 at 10a.m. from Gatwick Airport.

She is a Ghanaian citizen and came here in 1974 to study. Ms. Buckman did a secretarial course for one year at the Language Tuition Centre, Oxford Street, London. She was under the impression that she had arrived here with a student visa and that her uncle (with whom she was staying as a student) had renewed it. It was only much later that she found that not only had he not renewed it but that she had in fact arrived here on a visitors visa with leave to remain for three months. Her uncle kept all her documents including her passport in his possession and against her will. Currently her husband has her passport, again against her will, and her solicitor, Mr. Quinn, is trying to trace her husband's whereabouts.

Ms. Buckman got married to someone who was working at the Ivory Coast Embassy in 1981. Due to her husband's violence Georgina left him about one-and-a-half years ago. She had a miscarriage as a result of his violence.

Georgina has two young boys who were born in England and who have been brought up here. Leslie is eight years of age and goes to a special school in Tranmere Road. Trevor is seven years of age and both he and Leslie go to Swaffield School. Georgina is at present working to support her two young boys.

Ms. Buckman's parents are in exile because of the present regime in Ghana. Her father, Captain Buckman, was Commissioner of Police before the Rawlings regime came into power in 1979 and was quite a prominent figure. He faced the very real threat of being put before a firing squad when the present regime came into power. Someone had to help him to escape from the country.

Ms. Buckman has another uncle who also played quite a prominent role as Inspector General Police in the former government. He is in exile in the United Kingdom due to his former political activities.

As a result of Captain Buckman's involvement in the previous regime Ms. Buckman's brother was beaten up very seriously by the present regime.

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Furthermore Ms. Buckman's mother and step-mother were beaten up by the army and their houses were ransacked. Her mother is involved in an occupation which involves much travelling. Both her mother and step-mother's whereabouts are unknown to Georgina Buckman.

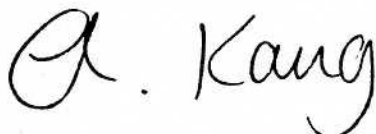
Georgina Buckman will make representations to the Secretary of State through her M.P., Alf Dubs, to allow her to remain in this country on compassionate grounds as well as the fact that her very life would be in grave danger were she to be removed from this country.

I understand that Ms. Buckman has been interviewed by Wandsworth Social Services regarding the arrangements for the care of her children in the event of her removal from this country. She feels that she cannot take her children with her. There are two main reasons for this, firstly, because she has no means of supporting them in Ghana and, secondly, because of the threat to her life and their lives due to her father and uncle's involvement in the previous government.

5. In our experience the pressure of local opinion very often has the effect of influencing the Home Office sufficiently to change a previously adverse decision. A letter from yourself stressing the compassionate reasons with regards to the disastrous effects the mother's removal would have on the two children and questioning the cost effectiveness of keeping the children in care at the rate payer's expense, may sway the Home Office to change their minds and allow her to stay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the event of any queries arising.

Yours faithfully,



Amerjit K. Kang.