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Dear Mr De Vries

EXTRADITION OF ROBERT OLIVER HILL TO SOUTH AFRICA

I wrote to you on 19 August explaining that we were writing to Mr Hill's solicitors asking for his agreement to an examination by Dr Stevenson; and that we were also writing to Dr Meehan, as Mr Hill's Responsible Medical Officer, seeking his agreement for such an examination to be carried out.

I now attach a letter of 14 September which we have just received from Dr Meehan. He states that in his view (and that of Dr Jarman) Mr Hill is not fit to plead or stand trial, and that due to Mr Hill's condition it would not be in his best interest for him to undergo a further examination. Dr Meehan has copied his letter to Mr Hill's solicitors.

We have not yet received any reply from the solicitors. However, in the meantime you may wish to be aware of the contents of Dr Meehan's letter, and to have an opportunity to comment on it.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Cindy Goldberg at the South African High Commission.

Yours sincerely

JULIAN GIBBS Extradition Section

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