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*cc sent to  
R Henderson  
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Dear Mr. Dobrenchuk:

Thank you for your letter of April 14, 1978 wherein you claim that Mr. Clarence Hughes has expressed a favorable opinion with regard to the Stoeps' custody case in Guyana. Mr. Hughes has consistently remained guarded as to the outcome of the procedural aspects in this custody case.

*Duplicate  
of this letter  
sent to Mr  
Powers in  
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He is aware, as are you, that there was governmental interference as early as September of 1977.

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I look forward to your immediate attention to this most critical situation.

Very truly yours

  
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MS. ELIZABETH A. POWERS  
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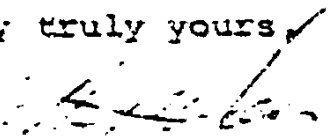
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