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Mr. G.L. Dexter
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Dear *M. Dexter,*

We thank you most sincerely for your recent letter enclosing a copy of an earlier submission on 27 October 1984, which we regret was never received by this station. We assure you that no discourtesy was intended.

It is with pleasure that we verify that your recording of our frequency and times of transmission are correct.

The main purpose of this station is to propagate an ~~non~~ native point of view to the propaganda put out by the government-controlled media in Zimbabwe. To provide further details of our intent, we enclose a copy of the relevant portion of our broadcast on 8-10 September 1984 which we believe to be self-explanatory.

Thank you again for your keen interest and we would appreciate any further observations you may wish to make on the programme content and on the quality of reception. In technical terms, of course, the programme is not intended for transmission in your area.

Yours

very truly,
J. Brown

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for RADIO TRUTH

POSITION STATEMENT - RADIO TRUTH

Our title - "Radio Truth" - was well-chosen. In the welter of lies, half-truths and distortions emanating daily from the government-controlled media in Harare, it was - and still is - vital that the voice of truth be heard. This is the purpose that we serve.

Contrary to the spurious propaganda stories, Radio Truth is not - and never has been - anti Zimbabwe. We are a Zimbabwe-based organisation, manned by dedicated Zimbabweans. Our loyalty to this country and its people is unquestioned.

We are Zimbabwe nationalists in the true sense of that word and we do not support any specific factions or tribal grouping within our society.

Through our own reporters and through friends all over the country, we have access to the truth in all its forms - the spoken word, documents and photographs.

It is our task to broadcast the facts about Zimbabwe, our neighbours and, where appropriate, the world at large. We will draw conclusions and pass relevant comment, for the availability of constructive criticism is a healthy sign in any country. Since this is denied through normal channels in Zimbabwe, it is necessary to have a clandestine radio station that can fulfil the role.

We are unashamedly anti Marxist. We believe this to be an evil and worthless ideology that can only bring disaster to our land. We will expose its ruthless nature, its reliance on force and its utter failure to bring anything but fear, misery and poverty to those countries that subscribe to its principles.

We believe fervently in the principles of democracy and the outstanding merits of free enterprise. We value highly the basic freedoms of inherent in the democratic system and tradition - freedom of thought, expression, association and worship and the right to life and liberty for every individual.

To this end, we will support all those groups and associations dedicated to the same philosophy. Where they are denied a platform by government or Party decree or by mob violence, Radio Truth will ensure that their voice is heard.

It is our privilege and duty to present alternative political philosophies to those of ZANU(PF) and to promote their adoption ~~of~~ ^{by} opposition forces.

To lay to rest another canard, Radio Truth does not promote civil strife or tribal animosity. We deplore violence - whether the perpetrators are government forces or dissidents. We have consistently urged all parties to pursue their differences through the proper and democratic channels and to seek solutions through dialogue and negotiation.

We abhor corruption and nepotism in our public life and the declining standards of public administration. It is our desire to see an efficient, incorrupt and apolitical public service, an impartial judiciary and security forces that are loyal to the State and its people - not to a political Party.

Once again, contrary to ZANU(PF) mouthings, we are not a relic of colonialism, nor do we envisage white rule ever returning to Zimbabwe. We accept black rule, but we wish it to be just, efficient and democratic.

For all these reason, Radio Truth is strongly opposed to the concept of a one-Party State, which conflicts with everything that we stand for.

We will resist ZANU(PF) because we know that their policies can bring nothing but hardship and misery to our people and will destroy our national pride.

So stay tuned to Radio Truth - the voice of free Zimbabwe.

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