AFRICA: Do you know whether the British government has reconsidered its policy towards Portugal since the story came out?

HASTINGS: I have no information at all. Clearly the British government was embarrassed by what happened when Caetano was just coming. In fact Sir Alec Douglas-Home has tried to be very detached and to say, "Well, we have no proof for or against." I think we have a great deal of evidence, but I am not in touch with any circles in the British government. They have made no attempt to speak to me.

AFRICA: Have you been approached by Africans for more information?

HASTINGS: No. None.

AFRICA: Could more information be made available if people were interested?

HASTINGS: There is more information which has not been published which various missionary societies have got, and I hope that they will publish it. As far as I can see we should build up a very complete dossier, and there is a great deal of material which we haven't published.

AFRICA: Is this material available to anyone who wishes to publish it?

HASTINGS: No. It was almost an accident that the report of the Wiriyamu atrocities was published. I knew that the Burgos Fathers were in great difficulty in Mozambique, that there had been atrocities, that they had protested about the atrocities, that there were two priests in prison who had been in prison for 18 months, untried, but then I didn't realise that they had detailed documentary evidence of all this. I was going to Spain for another reason—for a Church meeting—and when I was in Madrid I called in on the Burgos Fathers and was asking them about the situation when they told me for the first time that they had this documentation, and I said would they send it to me. As a matter of fact I think they have more documentation which they haven't sent me. They sent me a certain selection of their much bigger documentation.

AFRICA: Would this information be available to the growing number of African bishops in the Catholic Church?

HASTINGS: If they asked for it, maybe it would—yes. I think there is a committee of all-African bishops, as there is an organisation of all Archbishops in Africa. Now I think if they requested information from all missionary societies, they might get quite a lot.

AFRICA: Would such information be as well proven as the Wiriyamu incident?

HASTINGS: Yes. I think they have got a lot more things. I think there may be proof for most other incidents—smaller incidents of one kind or another, to some of which missionaries were eyewitnesses, which they were not at Wiriyamu.