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It was very kind of you to send me the photograph taken at Kensington Town Hall on June 29th and many thanks, too, for the accompanying press cuttings.

I do hope the electioneering is going well. You are certainly attracting lots of media coverage and that is, of course, splendid publicity for the cause. I have saved several press cuttings about you which you may well have already, but which I will, nevertheless, send on to you when I'm back in London. Unfortunately I have had to come down here to Cornwall to my sister's home near Portscatho because her husband had to undergo a serious spine operation yesterday. I've brought as much work with me as possible but I don't expect to be back in London for at least another ten days. This is a pity, because I wanted to be around for the by-election and especially on polling day on Thursday. I shall have to content myself with watching on television, but I shall be with you in spirit as you well know.

I was very upset about the confusion over getting signatories for your nomination papers, but with so little time, I guess that such things are inevitable. As soon as I had returned to my flat, after meeting you at the Roof Gardens on Thursday, June 30th, I telephoned Edward Johnson and Edward Bridgewater. Mr. Bridgewater assured me that he was ready and waiting for you that evening with pen poised, and often kept looking out for you at the window. I can only assume that you went to the wrong address. He said that sometimes callers do go to a confusing address in Ladbroke Grove. He is an old friend of mine and wouldn't knowingly let me down or embarrass me in such a way.

Anyway, I waited in until about 3.30 p.m. on the following day (Friday), the closing date for candidates, ready with a list of potential signatories in the Kensington Electoral Roll area, just in case you were unable to secure the necessary ten names. Obviously you did manage it and no call came, so I was very happy about that.

In some of your press stories reference is made to your election leaflets. Please let me have a few copies of any leaflets you have published for the NCROPA files.

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Once again, many thanks for the photograph and with very best wishes for Thursday,

Yours sincerely,

David Webb,  
Honorary Director,  
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P.S. Kind regards to Gloria also, of course.