



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

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Mr. James Baynard-Smith

Dear Jim,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of South Sudan, I have the honour to express my sincere gratitude for creating history by taking the initiative in wholeheartedly gifting back The Shield, which was originally gifted as a gesture of friendship and commitment of the bond created between your kind self and the people of South Sudan by Mr. Buth Diu, Former Minister of Works for Sudan in 1966.

I would also like to register my profound appreciation for your participation, along with Ustaz Peter Everington, in the Press Conference addressed by Hon. Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Minister of Presidential Affairs. It was humbling to meet you in person and to listen to your life of service.



Therefore, I seize this opportunity to commend you for your dedicated and extensive work in the voluntary sector in Sudan and the greater region, after becoming “a man of faith who listened and talked to God... living your life with the standards of honesty, purity, selflessness and love, and for returning to Sudan by invitation rather than occupation” following your posting to Khartoum in 1947, as vividly recalled by Ustaz Everington.

It is fulfilling to note that after your experience in the Sudan, you embarked on the journey of compassion and good will. I also take this opportunity to wish you Happy 94th Birthday.

The gifting back of The Shield as a simple initiative of peace-building, change and as a token of peace from the Heart is one that is greatly appreciated by myself, the Embassy Team and by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Ambassador Agnes Adlino Orifa Oswaha
Head of Mission