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TEXT OF A MESSAGE

FROM PRIME MINISTER CLARK TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER

**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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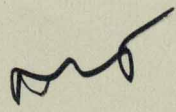
"Dear Prime Minister Thatcher,

The final agreement on Rhodesia is a splendid achievement for which your Government deserves the fullest praise. After fourteen years of agony, the final steps have begun in bringing Rhodesia to legal independence on the basis of full majority rule through a process in which all groups have now agreed to participate peacefully. Although the parties involved and the neighbouring African States wished to see an end to the conflict, it was clearly your determination to resolve the issue that brought the negotiations to a successful conclusion.

Canada will of course lend its full support to the implementation of the settlement. Among other measures, we are taking immediate steps to remove Canadian sanctions against Rhodesia.

As Canada looks forward to welcoming an independent Zimbabwe into the Commonwealth and the international community, I hope and trust that this success will add impetus to the peaceful resolution of other world problems, not the least of which of course is Namibia.

With all good wishes.



Joe Clark"