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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 579 OF 25 AUGUST

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T83/797

YOUR TELNO: 149: RHODESIAN REPRESENTATION IN LONDON

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM MUZOREWA TO THE PRIME MINISTER, DATED 22 AUGUST, DELIVERED 24 AUGUST:

BEGINS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER WHICH WAS HANDED TO ME BY MR DAY, CONCERNING ZIMBABWE RHODESIAN REPRESENTATION IN LONDON.

I AM THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ZIMBABWE RHODESIA AND THEREFORE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT EXPANDING THE EXISTING UANC OFFICE IN LONDON WOULD BE THE BEST WAY OF ACHIEVING OUR AIMS. OUR REPRESENTATIVES MUST NOT BE POLITICAL - THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REVIEW THE MATTER EXPEDITIOUSLY AND ACCEDE TO MY REQUEST TO BE ABLE TO STATION REPRESENTATIVES OF MY COUNTRY IN LONDON. ALTHOUGH YOU SAY THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO IMPRESS THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION ON PEOPLE IN ENGLAND, I KNOW THAT THEY CANNOT BE AS EFFECTIVE AS OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVES. ESPECIALLY, AS THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS SAID THAT OUR PRESENT CONSTITUTION IS "DEFECTIVE", THEY CAN HARDLY BE REGARDED AS IMPARTIAL IN THE EFFORT TO PERSUADE PEOPLE IN YOUR COUNTRY OF WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED HERE.

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2. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO AUTHORISE THE OPENING OF A NEW ZIMBABWE-RHODESIAN OFFICE IN LONDON, WOULD YOU WISH ME TO GO BACK TO THE BISHOP (VIA KAMUSIKIRI) TO SEE IF I COULD GET HIM TO ACCEPT OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, POINTING OUT THAT WE HAD SUGGESTED ATTACHMENT TO THE UANC OFFICE AS A PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT,

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WHICH OVERCAME CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS (IE, UN RESOLUTIONS), AND THAT IT WOULD NOT INHIBIT THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS REPRESENTATIVES?

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