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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your message on the Rhodesia Conference and your proposals for a cease-fire.

I would like to express my appreciation for your leadership in carrying the Conference through to its present stage. The issues involved have been difficult and delicate and could not have been resolved without the spirit of understanding and give-and-take on all sides. And if the same spirit persists I believe that it is possible to achieve final agreement on the cease-fire proposals.

We have been rather concerned about the frequent and unrestrained attacks on Zambia by the Rhodesia Armed Forces, and would urge that steps be taken to halt these attacks immediately. Unless this is done, the fears of the Patriotic Front, Zambia and the neighbouring countries about the genuineness of the cease-fire proposals will persist and make it difficult to reach a final agreement.

You can count on my continued support in all your efforts to bring Rhodesia back to legality, and, more importantly, to ensure that when independence is finally achieved, there will be no return to the tragic waste of human lives and material resources of the past fourteen years.

We look forward to welcoming an independent Zimbabwe into the Commonwealth in the very near future.


HILLA LIMANN

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA

HON. MRS. MARGARET THATCHER,
PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND.