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I have been asked by Rob Muldoon to convey to you the following reply to your recent message to him about Rhodesia:-

"Dear Margaret

Thank you for the message which your High Commission sent me on 14 August. I am very much aware of the great difficulties in bringing about a settlement in Rhodesia, but there can be no doubt of the importance of the achievement in Lusaka in agreeing on the framework within which the effort should be made.

I will of course continue to support you as you work towards a peaceful solution to the conflict. I would be glad to be kept up with the play for, as I am sure you know, I want to be as helpful and constructive as I can.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

R. D. Muldoon"

(L. W. Gandar)

High Commissioner