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To see report of Nyerere's session with Commonwealth Representatives

MY TELNO 131: RHODESIA

1. THE MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, 3 FEB, WITH THE PRESIDENT WAS WITH ALL THE COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES. MR MKAPA WAS ALSO PRESENT, AS WELL AS MR MLOKA, MAJOR BUTIKU, MR SOSIGWA (STATE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY) AND MISS WICKEN.
2. NYERERE WENT OVER ALL THE OLD GROUND WITH GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE AUXILIARIES AND THE GROSS IMPROPRIETY OF THEIR BEING USED FOR VILLAGE WORKS IN BLATANT BREACH OF THE AGREEMENT: IF THEY WERE SO USED, THE PF FORCES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE IN THE SAME WAY. WHO COULD BELIEVE THE AUXILIARIES WERE NOT ELECTIONEERING AND INTIMIDATING PEOPLE?. HE ALSO OBJECTED PARTICULARLY TO THE FACT THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES AT BEIT BRIDGE HAD BEEN REPLACED BY THE RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES AND NOT, BY IMPLICATION, BY A UNIT OF THE MONITORING FORCE. IF NECESSARY THE MONITORING FORCE COULD BE ENLARGED, BUT WHEN A LABOUR OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN IN LONDON HAD PROPOSED THIS, THE GOVERNOR SAID NO. NYERERE ASKED THE CANADIAN AND INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONERS WHY THEIR COUNTRIES COULD NOT PROVIDE REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE MONITORING FORCE EVEN IF, FOR EXAMPLE, NIGERIANS HAD TO BE RULED OUT AS UNACCEPTABLE TO BISHOP MUZOREWA.
3. GOING BACK TO THE AUXILIARIES, NYERERE SAID THAT THEY SHOULD BE CONFINED IN THEIR BASES. IF THE BRITISH COMPLIED WITH THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT BY CONFINING THE AUXILIARIES HE WOULD BE WILLING TO "SEND A DELEGATION" TO MUGABE TO URGE HIS FULL COMPLIANCE ALSO. MUGABE HAD GIVEN UNDERTAKINGS AND HAD ALREADY APPEALED TO THE 500 OF HIS PEOPLE WHOM HE ACCEPTED HAD NOT YET COME IN TO DO SO. NYERERE CONCEDED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD DIFFICULTIES. BUT THERE HAD TO BE TRUST AND THIS WAS LACKING.

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4. THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER ASKED WHETHER THE MATTERS NYERERE HAD RAISED SHOULD NOT BE DEALT WITH BY THE MACHINERY OF THE CEASEFIRE AND ELECTORAL COMMISSIONS. NYERERE GAVE NO SATISFACTORY ANSWER.

5. I AGAIN EXPLAINED THE MONITORING OF THE AUXILIARIES, AND I HAVE GIVEN A COPY OF THE RECENT STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNOR'S SPOKESMAN TO BOTH MR MLOKA AND MAJOR BUTIKU. THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER OBSERVED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE NO PROVISION IN THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT FOR THE AUXILIARIES TO BE DEPLOYED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS. NYERERE REPEATED HIS OBJECTIONS.

6. I SAID THAT ON TWO POINTS WE WERE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH NYERERE: FIRST THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO INTIMIDATION ANYWHERE, AND WE WERE GOING TO SEE THAT THERE WAS NONE: AND SECONDLY THAT ALL SIDES SHOULD AVOID VIOLENT STATEMENTS ADDRESSED AGAINST ANY OTHER PARTY WHICH COULD ONLY SERVE TO HEIGHTEN TENSION AND INCREASE THE DANGERS AND DIFFICULTIES. NYERERE ACCEPTED THIS, AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY CLOSED THE MEETING.

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SALISBURY TELNO 525: RHODESIA

1. WHILE UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFICULTIES OF NKOMO COMING OUT MORE STRONGLY IN PUBLIC WITH CRITICISM OF MUGABE AND ZANU, COULD HE BE BROUGHT TO SEND PRIVATE MESSAGES TO NYERERE AND THE OTHER FRONT LINE LEADERS TELLING THEM WHAT IS HAPPENING?

I KNOW THAT NKOMO'S RELATIONS WITH NYERERE ARE NOT GOOD, BUT SO LONG AS HE DOES NOT HIMSELF COMPLAIN MORE VIGOROUSLY ABOUT ZANLAS TACTICS WE WILL MAKE LITTLE IMPRESSION HERE AND, IN THIS QUARTER AT LEAST, HE IS LETTING HIS OWN CASE WITH THE AFRICANS GO BY DEFAULT. IT WILL SURELY MAKE LITTLE SENSE FOR NKOMO TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ELECTIONS LATER, IF HE DOES NOT COMPLAIN MORE VIGOROUSLY NOW.

2. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION, BUT IF IT IS NECESSARY AT ANY TIME TO ANNOUNCE THAT FAIR ELECTIONEERING IS IMPOSSIBLE IN CERTAIN AREAS IT WOULD, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW HERE, BE GREATLY PREFERABLE IF THE ANNOUNCEMENT COULD COME FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER RATHER THAN FROM THE GOVERNOR (OR IF BY THE GOVERNOR ON THE PUBLISHED ADVICE OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER). IT HARDLY NEEDS SAYING THAT IT WOULD ALSO HELP ENORMOUSLY IF THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAD THE AGREEMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OBSERVER TEAM. IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF GETTING A PUBLIC STATEMENT NOW FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OBSERVER TEAM EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN ABOUT ZANLA INTIMIDATION. ARE THEY AWARE HOW WORRIED NKOMI IS?

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3. THESE ARE ALL PRESENTATIONAL POINTS, BUT THE MORE THE MACHINERY OF THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT CAN BE SEEN TO BE OPERATING, THE BETTER OUR CHANCES OF MAKING AT LEAST SOME IMPACT ON NYERERE.

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MY TELNO 129: RHODESIA

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER I HAD SEEN PRESIDENT NYERERE ON 7 FEB THE U S CHARGE D'AFFAIRS WAS SUMMONED. NYERERE TOLD MR FISCHER THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN AT ALL REASSURED BY WHAT I HAD SAID TO HIM. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WERE NOT CARRYING OUT THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT. WE HAD SOUGHT TO JUSTIFY THE PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND THE USE OF THE AUXILIARIES. I HAD SAID THAT 65 PERCENT OF THE AUXILLIARIES HAD BEEN MONITORED, WHAT WERE THE OTHER 35 PERCENT DOING? AND NOW THERE WAS THIS "FANTASTIC" STATEMENT THAT THE AUXILLIARIES WERE DOING PUBLIC WORKS. WHAT WAS THERE IN THE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THEIR DEPLOYMENT FOR THIS KIND OF PURPOSE? MR FISCHER ARGUED THAT THE AGREEMENT DID PERMIT THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE AUXILLIARIES TO ASSIST WITH LAW AND ORDER. NYERERE SAID THAT POSSIBLY A "TECHNICAL CASE" COULD BE MADE FOR THAT BUT NOT FOR WHAT HE WAS NOW TOLD THEY WERE DOING.
2. NYERERE WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHILE HE WAS TOLD OF MOUNTING VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT HE NEVER HEARD ONE COMPLAINT FROM THE BRITISH ABOUT MUZOREWA OR THE SECURITY FORCES. MR FISCHER SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT SO. NYERERE ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES AT BEIT BRIDGE HAD BEEN REPLACED BY SECURITY FORCES AND NOT BY A DETACHMENT OF THE MONITORING FORCE AND DEMANDED THAT ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS SHOULD LEAVE RHODESIA.
3. NYERERE TOOK UP AGAIN YOUR STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS IN WHICH YOU HAD DEPLORED THE ATTACK ON MR MUGABE'S HOUSE. HE ACCEPTED THAT YOU HAD NOT LINKED THIS WITH WAHT YOU HAD SUBSEQUENTLY SIAD ABOUT ZANLA INTIMIDATION, BUT EVERY JOURNALIST HAD LINKED THE TWO. HE ALSO AGAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE DANGERS OF REPEATED ATTACKS ON MR MUGABE (PARA 6 OF MY TELNO UNDER REFERENCE) .

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4. NYERERE THANKED THE AMERICANS FOR THEIR VOTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. FISCHER QUOTED TO NYERERE THE SUBSTANCE OF MR MCHENRY' EXPLANATION OF VOTE IN THE COUCIL. NYERERE REPLIED BY SAYING THAT HE WAS NONETHELESS GRATEFUL FOR THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH HE WAS SURE HAD TAKEN PLACE (FISCHER UNDERSTOOD THIS TO BE A REFERENCE TO U S PRESSURE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICANS FROM BEIT BRIDGE).

5. AT THE END OF THE MEETING NYERERE SAID THAT THE SITUATION WOULD BE VASTLY IMPROVED IF THE AUXILLIARIES WERE BROUGHT BACK TO BARRACKS.

6. I HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO SEE THE PRESIDENT AT 4 PM THIS AFTERNOON. I WILL, IN PARTICULAR , TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE SHARE HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE DANGER OF VIOLENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE ATTACKS ON THE GOVERNOR AND OTHERS.

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