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TO IMMEDIATE KINSHASA

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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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RHODESIA:

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU, FIRST THING TOMORROW 14 AUGUST.

BEGINS:

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE CONCERN YOU FEEL FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE CONSISTENTLY HELPFUL ATTITUDE YOU HAVE TAKEN. RICHARD LUCE'S CALL ON YOU LAST JUNE WAS A MOST VALUABLE PART OF OUR PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WITH AFRICAN LEADERS AS A RESULT OF WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FORMULATE OUR POLICY ON RHODESIA.

THIS POLICY IS SET OUT IN THE AGREEMENT WHICH WAS REACHED AT THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING AT LUSAKA. I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL SHARE MY VIEW THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT AND HOLDS OUT A REAL HOPE OF PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL BE WISHING US WELL IN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN THE AGREEMENT AND THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT IN THE PERIOD THAT LIES AHEAD. THERE ARE BOUND TO BE DIFFICULTIES, BUT WE SHALL BE SPARING NO EFFORT TO RESOLVE THEM.

YOURS SINCERELY,

MARGARET THATCHER,

ENDS:

2. YOU MAY DRAW ON FCO TELNOS 139-142 TO MIRIMBAS SALISBURY IN TALKING TO GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED. YOU SHOULD ALSO MAKE FULL USE OF GUIDANCE MATERIAL.

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