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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE

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RHODESIA

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT BONGO.

BEGINS

DEAR MR PRESIDENT.

I AM SURE THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL YOU WILL HAVE WELCOMED THE AGREEMENT ON RHODESIA WHICH WAS REACHED AT THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN LUSAKA ON 5 AUGUST. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ALWAYS FAVOURED A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, AND IN OUR VIEW THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES THE MOST HOPEFUL BASIS YET FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS GENUINE MAJORITY RULE AND A RETURN TO LEGALITY AND PEACE IN RHODESIA. I AM SURE THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT IN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

ENDS.

2. YOU MAY, FROM TOMORROW MORNING 14 AUGUST DRAW ON FCO TELNOS 139-142 TO MIRIMBA SALISBURY IN TALKING TO GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED. YOU SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF GUIDANCE MATERIAL.

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