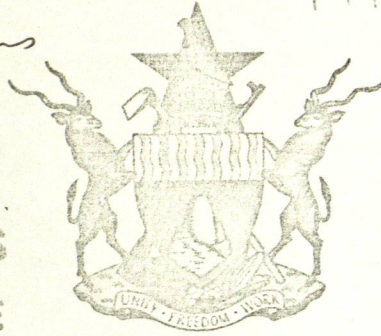


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Prime Minister:
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The Right Honourable Mrs M. Thatcher,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London.

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Dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour to write to thank you, your Government and the People of the United Kingdom for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to my delegation during our first official visit to the United Kingdom earlier this year.

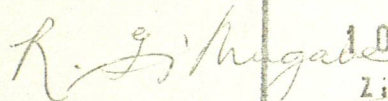
I wish also, on behalf of my Government and the People of Zimbabwe, to express our gratitude to your Government for agreeing to continue to provide us with both technical and financial assistance. My visit gave us a good opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the ties between us and to exchange views and ideas on other matters of mutual and international concern. I found it to be a most rewarding experience.

Finally, I urge you to continue your efforts within the Contact Group to bring about a just and speedy conclusion to the search for Namibian independence. South Africa's intransigence and stalling tactics on this matter should not be allowed to delay any further that territory's transition to independence in accordance with the terms of U.N. Security Council Resolution 435 of 1978.

Further, as you well know, South Africa has embarked on a policy of destabilising its neighbouring states through the mechanisms of sabotage, support for dissident groups and outright invasion. We would hope you would exert your influence with the regime in Pretoria, urging it to desist from these hostile and unprovoked acts of wanton aggression.

Please accept, dear Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,



R.G. MUGABE

Prime Minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe.



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