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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER
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MADAM PRIME MINISTER COLON NOW THAT THE ELECTIONS IN ZIMBABWE HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED CMA WE ARE GREATLY HEARTENED THAT THIS IMPORTANT STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN WITHOUT ANY DISTRUPTION STOP AS WE ALL ANXIOUSLY AWAIT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY NEXT AND THE ASSESSMENT OF CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY WERE HELD CMA IT REMAINS OUR FERVENT PRAYER THAT NOTHING WHATSOEVER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO JEOPARDIZE THE ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE WITH MAJORITY RULE FOR THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE WITH A

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LEGALLY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT WHICH IS NOW WITHIN SUCH CLOSE REACH STOP INFORMATION HOWEVER REVEALS THAT SOME UNITS OF THE RMVORINVS J VTUJLYWIHDRAWING FROM THEIR POSITIONS AND THAT THOSE POSITIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN OVER BY UNITS OF THE RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES AND THE AUXILIARIES STOP THIS CMA WE UNDERSTAND CMA IS BEING DONE IN SUCH A SYSTEMATIC MANNER LEAVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES AND THE AUXILIARIES ARE DELIBERATELY ENCIRCLING ASSEMBLY POINTS OF THE FORCES OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT STOP THIS ACTION CMA IN OUR VIEW CMA IS

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NOT ONLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT CMA BUT IS EXTREMELY PROVOCATIVE IN NATURE AND COULD LEAD TO CLASHES WITH UNITS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WHO CONTINUE TO REMAIN RESTRICTED TO THEIR ASSEMBLY POINTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT STOP BECAUSE OF OUR GRAVE CONCERN THAT PEACE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PREVAIL NOW AND AFTER ELECTIONS CMA HWEN THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED AND INDEPENDENCE ACHIEVED CMA WE ARE IMPELLED ONCE AGAIN CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA IN THE NAME OF AFRICA TO URGE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT CMA WHICH STILL HAS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY CMA WILL TAKE SUCH TIMELY AND NECESSARY MEASURES AS TO ENCOURAGE THE MONITORING FORCES TO

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RETAIN THEIR POSITIONS AND EFFECT THE RETURN OF THE RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES AND AUXILIARIES TO THEIR BASES STOP STOP SUCH A MEASURE WOULD AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY CONFLICT WHICH COULD HAVE A DISTRUPTIVE EFFECT ON THE PEACEFUL PROCESS WELL UNDERWAY IN BRINGING INDEPENDENCE TO ZIMBABWE STOP I REMAIN CONVINCED THAT YOU WILL DO ALL WITHIN YOUR POWER TO ENSURE THAT THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT WILL BE FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMABAWWE CMA TO THE GLORY OF AFRICA CMA AND TO THE HONOUR OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY STOP WITH ASSURANCES OF OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM SINCERELY

W R TOLBERT JR
PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY