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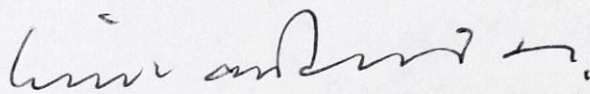
From: The Rt. Hon. William Deedes.

At their request I dined last evening privately at the Hyde Park Hotel with the Deputy Prime Minister of Zimbabwe Rhodesia (Dr. Mundawarara), the Foreign Minister and their small entourage. They are in London for reasons you will know about.

At the end of a long talk I was startled by the anxieties which both the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister expressed to me about threats to the safety of the Prime Minister in Lusaka. They felt no anxiety whatever on the Queen's behalf but spoke - partly among themselves - of those who, as they put it, "would be waiting in the wings for Mrs. Thatcher".

I do not think that Dr. Mundawarara, whom I have come to know a little, was seeking merely to impress me with the iniquity of the enemy.

No doubt these anxieties are already well-known to the security people. But in such matters I would rather be superfluous now than sorry later. So I pass it on. No need to acknowledge.



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27 July 1979

I am writing to thank you for your letter of 25 July 1979.

I am grateful to you for passing on to me what the Deputy Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister of Zimbabwe/Rhodesia said to you about the Prime Minister's visit to Lusaka when you saw them earlier this week.

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The Right Honourable William Deedes

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