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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Yes one

Dear Michael,

Rhodesia Conference: Messages

President Moi and Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara

In the event of agreement in the Rhodesia Conference, on the pre-independence arrangements, both the Australian and New Zealand Prime Ministers have said that their countries would be prepared to participate in arrangements under United Kingdom auspices for the monitoring of the ceasefire. To complete our preparations for this stage of the Conference, we should approach the other Commonwealth governments we have in mind (and whose participation would be acceptable to Bishop Muzorewa and General Walls).

Lord Carrington thinks that it would be helpful if the Prime Minister were prepared to send messages to the Kenyan President and the Fijian Prime Minister about this. Whether or not such arrangements will need to be brought into effect, it is essential to demonstrate in the Conference and outside that we will be prepared to make arrangements for the monitoring of a ceasefire if one is agreed.

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I attach a draft message accordingly.

President Tolbert

President Tolbert of Liberia, the current OAU Chairman, sent a further message (enclosed) to the Prime Minister on 30 October following up Mr Luce's conversation with his Foreign Minister on the Lancaster House talks.

Although there have been several recent exchanges between President Tolbert and the Prime Minister (the last on 19 October), Lord Carrington believes that it would be helpful for the Prime Minister to send him a message in terms similar to those she has sent to the Front Line Presidents in the last day or so. A particular objective is to get President Tolbert to accept the realities of negotiating with two parties and to adopt a more balanced approach. Therefore a separate message to President Tolbert is also enclosed.

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*yours ever
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