



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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*P.A. has approved  
texts for despatch. F.C.O. informed*

*Dear Michael,*

*for  
Rhodesia 30/10*

Rhodesia

Bishop Muzorewa has said that he is prepared to accept our proposals for the pre-independence period in Rhodesia. This has involved difficult decisions for him. The Patriotic Front are seeking to insist on a United Nations presence and UN supervision of the elections. They will be appealing to some Commonwealth governments to "re-interpret" the Lusaka agreement.

Mr Luce visited the Front Line States and Nigeria last week to explain our approach in this phase of the Conference. Lord Carrington believes that it would be helpful at this stage if the Prime Minister were to send messages to the Presidents of the Front Line States and Nigeria to thank them for seeing Mr Luce, and to point out that we are seeking to give effect to the Lusaka agreement, but will not be ready to accept arrangements which were never envisaged at Lusaka. President Kaunda has already written to the Prime Minister following Mr Luce's visit to Lusaka (Lusaka telno 1154); and President Nyerere has raised a number of points with Sir Peter Moon (Dar-es-Salaam telnos 846 and 847).

I enclose draft messages to Presidents Kaunda, Nyerere, Khama, Machel and Shagari, together with copies of the telegrams\* reporting Mr Luce's discussions with them or their Foreign Ministers. We propose to despatch these by telegram as soon as we have your approval.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Ray Lunn*

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\* Telegrams for follow attached.  
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