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~~Prime Minister~~

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Agree to send here
two messages? yes

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Dear Bryan,

27/7 27 July 1979

PM has seen and agrees,
+ a similar message to
Clark. F-10 informed -

Rhodesia

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Lord Carrington thinks it would be useful to send personal messages on Rhodesia to certain Heads of Government before they or their delegations reach Lusaka.

The Australian Prime Minister will be visiting Lagos from 28 July. His discussions with General Obasanjo may influence the Nigerian approach to the Commonwealth Meeting. Lord Carrington recommends that the Prime Minister should send a personal message to Mr Fraser, to follow up recent exchanges with the Australian Government on this subject (and to reach him before his meeting with General Obasanjo). The proposed text of the message is in the attached draft telegram to Lagos.

The Prime Minister of Singapore told the British High Commissioner on 19 July that he hoped we would give him a "confidential assessment" of how we intended to play the Lusaka meeting. Mr Lee Kuan Yew, who could have an important moderating influence at Lusaka, would certainly appreciate a personal message from the Prime Minister before his departure. A text is proposed in the enclosed draft telegram to Singapore.

The Canadian Foreign Minister indicated to Mr Blaker on 21 July that she was keen to be kept up to date on our policy on Rhodesia. Lord Carrington does not consider a personal message from the Prime Minister to Mr Clark to be necessary, but is sending separate instructions to the High Commissioner to brief Miss MacDonald. He is also sending instructions to Sir J Thomson to brief the Indians (in view of the change of Government it seems best for him to do this orally, rather than to send a message).

I should be grateful if you could let me know whether the Prime Minister approves of the proposed messages. It should not be necessary to send signed copies to follow delivery of the telegrams, as the Prime Minister will be seeing Mr Fraser and Mr Lee Kuan Yew in Lusaka. The message to Mr Fraser will need to be despatched this evening, Friday 27 July, if it is to be sure of reaching him before he sees the Nigerian Head of State.

Just even,
Stephen

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