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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. 1145 AAA/79T

YOUR TELNO 903 : RHODESIA

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT NYERERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

"DEAR JULIUS,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 14 NOVEMBER ABOUT RHODESIA. THE POINTS WHICH YOU RAISED WERE VERY MUCH ON OUR MINDS AT THE TIME. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL BE AS DELIGHTED AS I AM THAT WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON THE PRE INDEPENDENCE ARRANGEMENTS, SUBJECT TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CEASEFIRE. THIS IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD AND A TRIBUTE TO BOTH THE DELEGATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE. WE HAVE NOW PUT FORWARD OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE CEASEFIRE. THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE CEASEFIRE WILL REST WITH THE RESPECTIVE FORCES AND THEIR COMMANDERS. THE MAIN ELEMENTS IN OUR PROPOSALS ARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CEASEFIRE COMMISSION UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S MILITARY ADVISER, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MILITARY COMMANDERS ON BOTH SIDES. IN ADDITION WE ARE PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MONITORING FORCE, UNDER UNITED KINGDOM AUSPICES,

WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED, THEREFORE, ON THIS FINAL PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE. WITH THE CONSTITUTION AND THE PRE INDEPENDENCE ARRANGEMENTS AGREED, THE CASE FOR A CEASEFIRE AND AN END TO THE WAR IS IRRESISTIBLE. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT IN BRINGING THE WHOLE PROCESS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

WITH GOOD WISHES,

YOURS SINCERELY,

MARGARET THATCHER. "

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2. IN ANY DISCUSSION ARISING FROM THIS MESSAGE YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WILL BE INVITED TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THE ELECTIONS. WE SHALL NOT, HOWEVER, BE INVITING ANY COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE FORMALLY COMMITTED TO SUPPORT ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MONITORING FORCE, WHICH WILL BE UNDER UK AUSPICES.

3. NYERERE'S EFFORTS OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS TO MOBILISE COMMONWEALTH, SCANDINAVIAN AND EUROPEAN PRESSURE ON US TO INDUCE US TO MODIFY OUR POSITION ON THE PRE INDEPENDENCE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN UNHELPFUL. HE HAS FURTHERMORE BEEN LEFT OUT ON A LIMB BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSALS. BUT WE DO WISH TO TRY TO RETAIN A MEASURE OF SUPPORT FROM HIM FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A CEASEFIRE. IF THESE ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BE ABLE TO DO SO QUICKLY.

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