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I should be grateful if you could thank Mr Nguza Karl-i-Bond for his kind message about Rhodesia, which was transmitted under cover of your Embassy's note of 10 December. The Prime Minister has also asked me if I could pass on her appreciation to President Mobutu for his message on the same subject.

We have been very grateful for the active support of your President and Foreign Minister during the Lancaster House Conference. With the signing of the final Conference Report and of the Ceasefire Agreement, Rhodesia will stand firmly on the path to legal independence on the basis of genuine majority rule. This is, of course, the result for which we have striven for so long.

There are bound to be difficulties ahead. In particular, I regard it as vital that the parties should comply scrupulously with the terms of the Ceasefire Agreement, and that a genuine spirit of reconciliation should be developed. However I am confident that, with the continuing assistance of our friends, such further difficulties as may arise can be overcome.

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Sincerely,
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His Excellency
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