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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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TO IMMEDIATE LAGOS

TELNO 506 OF 13 AUGUST

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INFO PRIORITY LUSAKA, DAR ES SALAAM, GABORONE, PRETORIA, MIRIMBA SALISBURY, WASHINGTON, LUANDA, MAPUTO.

FCO TELNOS 139-142 TO MIRIMBA SALISBURY: RHODESIA CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.

1. YOU SHOULD HAND OVER A COPY OF THE TEXTS IN MY TELS NOS 140-142 UNDER COVER OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO GENERAL OBASANJO.

BEGINS:

DEAR GENERAL OBASANJO,

I AM ARRANGING FOR YOU TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE INVITATION WHICH WE ARE SENDING TO BISHOP MUZOREWA AND THE LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT WE REACHED AT LUSAKA. AS I EXPLAINED IN MY RECENT MESSAGE, THIS IS THE FIRST STAGE IN WHAT IS BOUND TO BE A DELICATE PROCESS. IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN BRINGING GENUINE BLACK MAJORITY RULE TO RHODESIA AND RESTORING PEACE TO THAT TERRITORY THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND IN PARTICULAR OF NIGERIA, WILL BE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT I CAN COUNT ON IT. I SHALL OF COURSE BE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU AS WE PROCEED.

YOURS SINCERELY,

MARGARET THATCHER.

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