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MADAM PRIME MINISTER COLON ALLOW ME CMA AT THE OUTSET CMA TO COMMEND THE EFFORTS MARSHALLED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS SO FAR ACHIEVE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON ARRANGEMENTS

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FOR THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD LEADING TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF
ZIMBABWE STOP THE CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENT WITH WHICH THE TALKS
ARE NOW CONCERNED ARE DESERVANT OF THE MOST CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN ORDER THAT AN
ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT ON THIS ISSUE SO CRUCIAL TO THE ULTIMATE
SUCCESS OF THE

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TALKS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED STOP ARE HOWEVER DISTRESSFULLY
CONCERNED ABOUT THE SERIES OF UNPROVOKED ATTACKS BEING
LAUNCHED AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA BY SECURITY FORCES
OF RHODESIA STOP YOU WILL AGREE THAT SUCH BLATANY AND
FLAGRANT TRANSCRESSIONS UPON THE TERRITORIAL INTERGRITY OF
THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF ZAMBIA CONSTITUTE A

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SERIOUS THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND GREATLY ENDANGER FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE ZIMBABWE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS BEING HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT STOP IN THE CONTEXT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA CMA A CONTINUATION OF THESE WANTON ACTS OF AGRESSION COULD LEAD TO A CONFLAGRATION OF THE CONFLICT PORTENDING

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GRAVE CONSEQUENCES NOT FOR THAT REGION ALONE BUT FOR AFRICA

AS A WHOLE AND THE WORLD AS WELL STOP WE HAVE ALWAYS DEPLOYED

MOST VEHEMENTLY THESE DIABOLICAL ATTACKS PERPETRATED BY THE

RHODESIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN REGIMES AGAINST THE FRONTLINE STATES

IN SOUTHERN AFRICA STOP AND IT IS MOST DISTRESSING CMA

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MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA THAT SUCH HEINOUS ACTS SHOULD BE COMMITTED AT THIS TIME WHEN GENUINE EFFORTS SUPPORTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ARE BEING MADE TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE ZIMBABWE PROBLEM STOP THAT THESE ATTACKS WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST ZAMBIA WHOSE PRESIDENT HAS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE

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BOTH IN THE FORGING OF THE LUSAKA AGREEMENT ON ZIMBABWE AND
IN BREAKING THE RECENT STALEMATE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE
TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IS MOST SURPRISING TO SAY THE LEAST,
AND COULD SERIOUSLY IMPAIR AND JEOPARDIZE THE TALKS WHICH HAVE
NOW REACHED A DELICATE AND DECISIVE STAGE STOP IN THE INTEREST

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OF PEACE AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS

CMA I URGE THAT YOU DO ALL IN YOUR POWER TO CAUSE THE RHODESIAN

REGIME TO FORTHWITH DESIST FROM FURTHER ACTS OF AGRESSION

AGINST ZAMBIA AND OTHER FRONTLINE STATES STOP PLEASE ACCEPT

CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA RENEWED ASSURANCES OF

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