

PRIME MINISTER

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Government's emissary. RHODESIA
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Have told Stephen back.
But he wants to know
if Harlech can be called
"The PM's emissary".
Can you ring him?
Tim.

Lord Carrington has offered the job of emissary to the Front Line States to Lord Harlech. He is considering the offer and has promised to give Lord Carrington his decision tomorrow morning. Assuming he agrees, Lord Carrington would like to inform our High Commissioners and Ambassadors to the Front Line States immediately, so that they in turn can inform the respective Presidents.

Agreed

The Front Line Presidents are meeting on Saturday and Sunday, and Lord Carrington thinks it important that they should be told of Lord Harlech's appointment in time for the meeting. This is apparently partly on the advice of Mr. Ramphal who thinks the sooner the Presidents are told the better.

Are you willing to authorise Lord Carrington to send out telegrams as soon as Lord Harlech accepts?

Yes MB

R.

24 May 1979