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TO PRIORITY FCO

TEL NO. 113 OF 2 APRIL 1982.

You may care to discuss the dates over the weekend and we have when you would like to go.

MESSAGE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED 26 MARCH (WE RECEIVED IT FROM PROTOCOL SECTION MFA LAST NIGHT) FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA TO MRS. THATCHER.

QUOTE.

I WAS DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER DATED 8TH MARCH, 1982 IN REPLY TO MY INVITATION TO DENIS TO VISIT ZAMBIA AND I AM VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO COME HERE AT THE END OF APRIL, ALBEIT FOR A FEW DAYS ONLY.

I AGREE THAT AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AFTER HIS VISITS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND ZIMBABWE WILL BE VERY USEFUL INDEED AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM. WHEN HIS ITINERARY IS FINALLY ARRANGED PERHAPS YOU WOULD ASK HIM TO LET ME KNOW THE EXACT DATES SO THAT WE CAN WORK OUT THE DETAILS HERE ALTHOUGH, AS YOU SAY, WITH SUCH A SHORT STAY IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO VISIT ALL THE PLACES I WOULD HAVE LIKED HIM TO SEE BUT PERHAPS THIS CAN BE ARRANGED FOR ANOTHER TIME.

UNQUOTE.

2. THE LETTER WILL BE FORWARDED BY TODAY'S BAG.

JOHNSON.

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