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Madam Prime Minister,

I have the honour, most respectfully, to transcribe hereunder, text of a telegraphic message from President William R. Tolbert, Jr, addressed to your goodself:-

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON

MADAM PRIME MINISTER COLON ON THE EVE OF ELECTIONS IN ZIMBABWE CMA I GREET YOU ONCE AGAIN IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA AND IN MY CAPACITY AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY STOP GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED BY AFRICA AS REFLECTED IN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA CMA THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE OAU RECENTLY HELD IN ADDIS ABABA AS WELL AS PRONOUNCEMENTS BY MANY AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE FROM THEIR CAPITALS STOP THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THESE ACTIONS AND PRONOUNCEMENTS HAS BEEN TO ENSURE THE FULL AND IMPARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT BY YOUR GOVERNMENT CMA THE ADMINISTERING POWER STOP THAT IS WHY AFRICA HAS NOT HESITATED TO CALL ATTENTION TO MEASURES TAKEN BY THE BRITISH GOVERNOR IN RHODESIA EVEN AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTINGENT FROM BEIT BRIDGE CMA THE IMPEDED REPATRIATION OF ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES AND EXILES AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF RHODESIAN SECURITY AND AUXILIARY FORCES WHICH HAVE LED TO REPORTED INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE CMA HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION STOP IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA THAT DESPITE MANY DIFFICULTIES CMA YOUR GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAS SUCCEEDED IN TAKING THE NECESSARY ACTIONS

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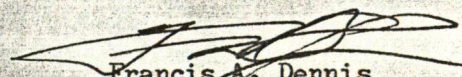
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THAT WILL BRING TO AN END ALL VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT BY ANY OF THE PARTIES THERETO AND THEREBY CREATE THE ATMOSPHERE IN ZIMBABWE CONDUCIVE TO FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS STOP IT WOULD BE OF GREAT CREDIT TO YOUR COUNTRY AND PARTICULARLY TO YOUR GOVERNMENT IF THE RHODESIAN QUESTION WHICH HAS PLAGUED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR SO LONG COULD BE PEACEFULLY RESOLVED AS ENVISAGED UNDER THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT STOP WE ARE OF COURSE COMMITTED TO RESPECT ONLY THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE FREELY AND FAIRLY EXPRESSED BY THEM STOP THUS OUR CONSUMING CONCERN CMA AS MANIFESTED IN OUR VARIOUS EXCHANGES WITH YOU CMA HAS BEEN THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DISRUPT THE COURSE SO PAINSTAKINGLY CHARTED IN LONDON BY WHICH INDEPENDENCE WITH MAJORITY RULE IS TO BE ATTAINED IN ZIMBABWE THROUGH THE ELECTION OF A GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD MERIT THE RESPECT AND RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY STOP THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE WHO HAVE SUFFERED THROUGH MANY YEARS FOR THIS NOBLE OBJECTIVE DESERVE NOTHING LESS STOP FOR US IN AFRICA CMA IT WOULD BE A GOOD GESTURE ON THE PART OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW THE TEAM FROM THE OAU SECRETARIAT CMA WHICH HAS BEEN INVITED TO WITNESS THE ELECTIONS CMA TO REMAIN IN RHODESIA A FEW DAYS THEREAFTER SO THAT THEY WOULD BE PRESENT IN THE TERRITORY WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS ARE ANNOUNCED SINCE THEY WILL BE ARRIVING IN RHODESIA BARELY TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS COMMENCE STOP WE DO NOT PERCEIVE THAT THIS SHOULD CAUSE ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN RHODESIA STOP AS WE LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT OPTIMISM TO USHERING THE NEW NATION OF ZIMBABWE INTO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CMA LET ME TAKE THIS OCCASION TO ONCE AGAIN WISH FOR YOU ABOUNDANT SUCCESS IN ALL THAT YOU SHALL DO FOR THE PRESERVATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY CMA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORE EQUITABLE AND JUST WORLD ORDER AND FOR THE PROMOTION OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY FOR OPPRESSED PEOPLE STOP PLEASE ACCEPT CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM SINCERELY

W. R. TOLBERT JR  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND  
CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU"

Please accept, Madam Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

  
Francis A. Dennis  
AMBASSADOR