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TO PRIORITY WELLINGTON
TELEGRAM NUMBER 320 OF 4 DECEMBER.

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YOUR TEL NO 401: RHODESIA

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS TO MR MULDOON THE FOLLOWING
PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T158A/79T

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DEAR ROB

I HAVE SEEN YOUR STATEMENT OF 22 NOVEMBER ABOUT RHODESIA AND THE
LIFTING OF SANCTIONS. IT IS MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT
FOR OUR POSITION CLEARLY ON THE RECORD AT THIS STAGE. I ALSO
WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT'S
AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE A CONTINGENT FOR THE CEASEFIRE MONITORING
GROUP. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT NEW ZEALAND WILL BE
SENDING ITS OWN OBSERVER GROUP TO RHODESIA FOR THE ELECTIONS.

YOUR CONSISTENT SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS TO BRING RHODESIA TO
PEACEFUL INDEPENDENCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE ARE IN THE LAST
CRUCIAL STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. DESPITE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES,
I HOPE WE MAY BE ABLE TO BRING THE CONFERENCE TO A SATISFACTORY
CONCLUSION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

WITH WARM REGARDS
YOURS SINCERELY
MARGARET THATCHER
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