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*Dear Michael,*

RHODESIA: MESSAGE FROM MR MALCOLM FRASER

You asked for a draft reply to the message received on 29 October from Mr Malcolm Fraser about Rhodesia.

Lord Carrington spoke to Mr Peacock last night to explain fully to him the position now reached in the Conference. He emphasised the extent of the concessions made by Muzorewa; and the fact that it is Britain's responsibility to conduct the negotiations. I enclose a note on their conversation.

Mr Peacock implied that Mr Fraser's message may have been triggered by approaches from President Nyerere and Mr Manley. Mr Fraser obviously wishes to continue to play a role in relation to Rhodesia, as he did at Lusaka. His message contains an offer of possible Australian participation in the eventual arrangements for observance of the ceasefire. General Walls has said that he would be prepared to accept some Australian involvement. An indication that we may wish to invite the Australians to participate in a group intended to help monitor the ceasefire will be helpful in dealing with demands for a Commonwealth peace-keeping force, as well as in seeking to secure Australian support for the policy we are pursuing. Mr Peacock indicated to Lord Carrington that the Australians would be prepared to help with monitoring. Sir Donald Tebbit might be asked to pursue this in due course with the Australians. He has already been instructed to make clear that we would not be prepared to agree to a new Commonwealth meeting to re-interpret or re-formulate the Lusaka agreement.

I attach a draft reply in the form of a telegram to Canberra, which the Prime Minister may wish to send to Mr Fraser.

*yours ever*  
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