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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T140^A/79T

Ref. No. SH. 1882/S.70

13th November, 1979.

My dear Prime Minister,

*Subject file - Nigeria
Nov 79 - Call by Mr
Sule.*

May I crave your indulgence to write to you so soon after my letter No. SH. 1882/S.70 of 6th November, 1979 on the on-going Constitutional Conference on Zimbabwe in London which must have been delivered to you through diplomatic channels by now. I know how deeply concerned you are with the successful out-come of this Conference. It is just as true to say that the question of Zimbabwe has received my considerable attention, and I am willing to do anything to supplement your efforts in reaching an amicable resolution of this problem.

It is for this reason that I have decided to send my trusted Special Envoy in the person of Alhaji Yusuf Maitama Sule, who has been instructed to express on behalf of myself and the entire people of Nigeria our warm fraternal greetings, and to discuss with you matters of mutual interest affecting Africa so that we can benefit from your usual clear understanding of such issues.

In particular, he has my instructions to discuss with you matters relating to the successful out-come of the current Constitutional Conference on Zimbabwe.

I, therefore, request you to give entire credence to whatever Alhaji Yusuf Maitama Sule shall say to you in my name, especially when he shall convey to you our deep abiding interest in your personal good health and in the peace and prosperity of your people.

... /Please accept ...

*The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON.*



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*Please accept the assurances of my fraternal esteem
and highest consideration.*

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Shehu Shagari'.

(ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI)
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.