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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE:

DEAR JULIUS,

THIS MORNING IN THE LANCASTER HOUSE CONFERENCE PETER CARRINGTON MADE A FINAL PRESENTATION OF OUR DETAILED PLANS FOR A CEASEFIRE. I AM ASKING OUR HIGH COMMISSIONER TO MAKE A COPY AVAILABLE TO YOU, SINCE IT WILL I AM SURE CLARIFY CERTAIN POINTS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN IN DOUBT WHEN OUR PROPOSALS WERE ACCEPTED LAST WEEK.

AS YOU KNOW, THE BASIS OF OUR PLAN IS THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT PLACES IN THEIR OPERATIONAL AREAS, WHERE THEIR SECURITY, ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS CAN BE PROVIDED FOR. THEY WILL ASSEMBLE WITH THEIR ARMS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THEIR OWN COMMANDERS. DURING THIS PERIOD OF ASSEMBLY THERE WILL BE RECIPROCAL DISENGAGEMENT BY THE RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES. IN A CEASEFIRE AFTER A WAR OF THIS NATURE IT IS OBVIOUSLY NECESSARY THAT THE GUERRILLA SIDE SHOULD BECOME IDENTIFIABLE IN THIS WAY.

ON THE RHODESIAN SIDE, THEIR FORCES ARE ALREADY IDENTIFIED IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE. THEY WILL BE MONITORED THROUGHOUT THIS STRUCTURE, AND THE MONITORS WILL BE IN PLACE BY THE TIME THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ARE ASKED TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ASSEMBLY.

PROVIDED THAT ASSEMBLY OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES WITH THEIR ARMS IS COMPLETE, AND THAT THERE IS A CESSATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF ARMED PATRIOTIC FRONT PERSONNEL FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES INTO RHODESIA, THE PROCESS OF DISENGAGEMENT WILL BE COMPLETE, THE FORCES WILL NOT BE IN CONTACT AND THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO DEPLOY THE RHODESIAN FORCES FROM THEIR COMPANY BASES.

THE SUBSTANTIAL MONITORING FORCE WE HAVE ORGANISED IS AT PRESENT STANDING BY AND IS READY TO REACH RHODESIA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WE HAVE ALREADY ALREADY ENACTED THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION ON THE BASIS OF GENUINE MAJORITY RULE; AND THERE IS AGREEMENT IN THE CONFERENCE THAT ELECTIONS IN WHICH ALL PARTIES CAN PARTICIPATE SHOULD BE HELD UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF A BRITISH GOVERNOR WITH FULL EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE POWERS. THE APPOINTMENT AS:

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GOVERNOR OF CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, A VERY SENIOR CABINET MINISTER, DEMONSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE WHICH MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO THE TASK OF BRINGING THE STATE OF REBELLION IN RHODESIA TO AN END AND ENABLING THE COUNTRY TO BE BROUGHT TO LEGAL INDEPENDENCE.

WE AWAIT ONLY THE FINAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES TO THE DETAILS OF THE CEASEFIRE PLAN. I AM CONFIDENT THAT, WITH GOODWILL, THIS WILL BE ACHIEVED WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. WE WOULD WISH TO SEE THE CEASEFIRE COME INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY, THEREBY SPARING THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA AND OF THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES ANY FURTHER SUFFERING SUCH AS THEY HAVE HAD TO BEAR FOR SO LONG.

MEANWHILE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO GET AHEAD WITH THE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS. A BRITISH AUTHORITY IN SALISBURY IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PROCESS OF FINALISING THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CEASEFIRE. IT IS INDISPENSABLE THAT FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE SHOULD HAVE CONTROL OVER THE RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES, POLICE ETC SO THAT THE LOGISTIC AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE FOR THE CEASEFIRE AND FOR THE SECURITY AND ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER AGREED REQUIREMENTS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES. LORD SOAMES WILL THEREFORE BE LEAVING LONDON TODAY TO TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT IN SALISBURY. WHEN HE ARRIVES THERE TOMORROW AND HIS AUTHORITY IS ACCEPTED, THE STATE OF REBELLION IN RHODESIA WILL HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO AN END. THE GOVERNOR WILL SET IN HAND IMMEDIATELY THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELECTIONS IN WHICH ALL PARTIES CAN PARTICIPATE WITH AN EQUAL CHANCE OF SUCCESS. HE WILL ALSO SET IN HAND WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO NORMALISE RELATIONS BETWEEN RHODESIA AND ZAMBIA. RHODESIA WILL HAVE RETURNED TO LAWFUL GOVERNMENT AS PART OF HER MAJESTY'S DOMINIONS.

BRITAIN HAS BEEN URGED FOR MANY YEARS TO ASSERT ITS AUTHORITY AND TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO DECOLONISE RHODESIA. THIS WE ARE NOW DOING, AND THUS GIVING EFFECT TO THE AGREEMENTS REACHED AT OUR LUSAKA MEETING. IT IS, OF COURSE, ONE OF OUR ESSENTIAL OBJECTIVES THAT ALL PARTIES SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT, PROVIDED THEY ARE PREPARED TO PUT THEIR POLITICAL SUPPORT TO THE TEST IN FREE ELECTIONS UNDER OUR AUTHORITY AND TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO CAMPAIGN PEACEFULLY. A SETTLEMENT IS NOW WITHIN OUR GRASP. WE ARE IN A POSITION TO CARRY OUT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND FULLY INTEND

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TO DO SO. I HOPE THAT YOU, FOR YOUR PART, WILL BE PREPARED TO EXERT YOUR INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ACCEPT THE DETAILED CEASEFIRE PLAN AND TO AGREE THAT IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY - AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALSO HELP TO PERSUADE ALL PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTIONS.

WITH BEST WISHES
MARGARET

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