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TO

HER EXCELLENCY MARGARET THATCHER
PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND
NO. 10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T158/79T

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MADAM PRIME MINISTER COLON AS THE OAU AD HOC COMMITTEE ON WESTERN SAHARA CONVENES TODAY IN MONROVIA CMA DEEP AND GRAVE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN AROUSED BY NEWS REPORTS OF STATEMENTS MADE BY YOUR FOREIGN SECRETARY LORD CARRINGTON INDICATING THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE PLAN FOR ZIMBABWE WITH OR WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT STOP HENCE OUR COLLEAGUES CMA PRESIDENTS JULIUS NYERERE OF TANZANIA CMA PRESIDENT SHEHU SHAGARI OF NIGERIA AND MYSELF WERE IMPELLED TO CALL IN YOUR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN THE ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR DOUBLEDAY AND EXPRESS OUR CANDID VIEWS ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS STOP THESE VIEWS CMA AS WE TRUST WILL BE FAITHFULLY REPORTED TO YOU BY YOUR CHARGE CMA RELATE TO THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCAL GROUPING OF FORCES OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE RHODESIAN REGIME CMA CONTROL OF THE AIRFIELDS AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND THE REVELATION OF THE PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN RHODESIA STOP WE HAVE BEEN MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT CLARIFICATIONS SOUGHT BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON THESE POINTS HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT STOP ANOTHER CONCERN OF OURS RELATES TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE PRIVATE ARMY OF BISHOP MUZOREWA OR FOR THAT MATTER OF ANY OTHER POLITICAL FACTION IN ZIMBABWE STOP YOU WILL AGREE CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA THAT IN THE CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENT THESE ARE FUNDAMENTAL POINTS WHICH MUST BE CLARIFIED AND RESOLVED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED STOP THEREFORE THE POSITION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AS ANNOUNCED BY LORD CARRINGTON CMA IF MAINTAINED CMA WILL RENDER

RENDER COMPLETELY FRUITLESS ALL EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS MADE THIS FAR TOWARDS A JUST AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE ZIMBABWE QUESTION STOP WHILE WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN TO REACH AN EARLY AGREEMENT CMA WE ARE STRONGLY OF THE OPINION THAT THIS CONSIDERATION SHOULD NOT BECOME SO FLEXIBLE IN APPLICATION AS TO LEAD TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS WHICH HAVE ENSUED FOR THREE MONTHS NOW CMA ARISING FROM A PROBLEM WHICH HAS DEFIED SOLUTION AND PLAGUED AFRICA FOR FIFTEEN YEARS STOP WE AGAIN APPEAL TO YOU CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA TO EXERCISE PATIENCE AND AVOID THE IMPRESSION THAT THE TALKS ARE BEING CONDUCTED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHEREIN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE GIVING ORDERS AND NOT GENUINELY NEGOTIATING THE POINTS OF CONTENTION STOP WE FURTHER URGE YOU PERSONALLY CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES CMA PRESIDENT NYERERE CMA PRESIDENT SHAGARI AND MYSELF AND IN THE NAME OF AFRICA CMA TO DO ALL THAT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER TO ALLOW THE NEGOTIATIONS CMA WHICH HAVE BROUGHT A RAY OF HOPE FOR PEACE IN ZIMBABWE CMA TO CONTINUE UNTIL AN ACCEPTABLE AND LASTING SETTLEMENT FOR GENUINE INDEPENDENCE WITH MAJORITY RULE BECOMES A REALITY IN ZIMBABWE STOP WITH RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM

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W R TOLBERT JR
PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE
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