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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 April 1980

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T81/50**

Dear Julius

Thank you very much for your message of 24 March, of which I have now received the text through our High Commission in Dar es Salaam.

The transfer of power on 18 April to a government chosen by the people of Rhodesia in free and fair elections in peaceful conditions and with the full support of the international community, will indeed represent the achievement of the aims which the British Government has been pursuing in that country. It has been a long, hard haul but the result can give satisfaction to us all. As you say, there is now a great opportunity for the people of Zimbabwe to rebuild their country after the trials of the past years. I am glad to have your assurance that Tanzania will do whatever it can to support the Government of Zimbabwe in the heavy tasks they face. We shall certainly play our full part.

Yours sincerely

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His Excellency Mwalimu Dr. Julius K. Nyerere

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