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*Dear Michael*

*As. Hunt*

Zambia/Rhodesia

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The Prime Minister may be questioned in the House this afternoon on the tension between Zambia and Rhodesia. We are submitting advice separately. It would be useful for the Prime Minister to be able to say that she had sent a message to President Kaunda. The text of a message which she may wish to authorize us to convey rapidly is in the first enclosed draft telegram. Background is given in the second enclosed draft telegram, and in a separate note. The purpose of the message is both to mollify President Kaunda and to try to persuade him that a meeting of the Front Line Presidents this week-end (plans for which have come to us from secret sources) would interrupt progress towards a ceasefire.

I discussed the possibility of sending a message to President Kaunda with Lord Carrington before his departure for Brussels this morning, but in the time available we have not been able to clear the text with him. I am passing the gist of the draft message to Lord Carrington in Brussels, and I think that he would be content with it.

*yours ever*  
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