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RHODESIA.

1. UNLESS YOU SEE OBJECTION PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MACHEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

'DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

THE RHODESIA CONFERENCE HAS NOW REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRINGING IT INTO EFFECT THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS SUPERVISED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF A BRITISH GOVERNOR. THIS OPENS THE WAY TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. IT NOW REMAINS TO AGREE ON THE FINAL STEP - THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CEASE-FIRE. IF THERE IS AN EFFECTIVE CEASE-FIRE DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD, AND IF ALL THE PARTIES COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ABIDE BY THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION, THE RESULT WILL BE A LASTING PEACE FOR THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA AND FOR MOZAMBIQUE.

MR PAPADOPOULOS HAS GIVEN MR CHISSANO A FULL ACCOUNT OF OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE CEASE-FIRE. WE ARE READY TO PUT THESE INTO EFFECT VERY RAPIDLY. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE NO LESS CONCERNED THAN WE ARE TO ACHIEVE AN END TO THE WAR WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF AN EFFECTIVE CEASE-FIRE TO ENSURE THAT CROSS-BORDER ACTIVITY BY EITHER SIDE CEASES FROM THE START AND THROUGHOUT THE INTERIM PERIOD. WE SHALL THEREFORE WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU ARRANGEMENTS FOR MILITARY LIAISON BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE CEASE-FIRE COMMISSION IN RHODESIA TO ENSURE THAT NO ACTIVITY TAKES PLACE WHICH COULD LEAD TO A RESUMPTION

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OF HOSTILITIES. WITH YOUR COOPERATION I AM CONVINCED THAT A PEACEFUL AND HONOURABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS WITHIN OUR GRASP, AND WE MUST NOW MOVE TO GET FINAL AGREEMENT WITHOUT DELAY.

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER.

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