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RHODESIA: HOUSE OF COMMONS

1. THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE DURING PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTION TIME ON 28 FEBRUARY:

'SIR GRAHAM PAGE: WILL MY RT HON FRIEND FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO CONGRATULATE THOSE BRITISH SERVICE MEN AND POLICEMEN IN RHODESIA WHO ARE HAVING SUCH SUCCESS IN ENSURING A GOOD TURN-OUT AT THE ELECTIONS?

THE PRIME MINISTER: I SHALL GLADLY DO SO. INDEED, I SHALL CONGRATULATE ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH ADMINISTERING THE ELECTIONS. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THEY SEEM TO BE GOING EXTREMELY WELL AT THE MOMENT.'

2. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD SEE THAT THOSE CONCERNED ARE AWARE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S APPRECIATION, AS EXPRESSED IN THE HOUSE.

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