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FM CABINET OFFICE LONDON
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FOR PRESIDENT CARTER
FROM PRIME MINISTER THATCHER

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGES OF 3 AND 19 APRIL ABOUT ZIMBABWE. I MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE THE PROBLEMS OF ZIMBABWE'S FUTURE YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

THE ECONOMIC SUPPORT WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXTEND TO ZIMBABWE WILL BE A FILLIP TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT AS IT BEGINS TO TACKLE THE DAUNTING PROBLEM OF RECONSTRUCTION. ZIMBABWE IS IN URGENT NEED TO HELP IN THE SECTORS TO WHICH YOU HAVE COMMITTED FUNDS IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. WITH YOUR HELP AND THE AID PLEDGES WHICH I EXPECT OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WILL BE MAKING SHORTLY, ROBERT MUGABE'S GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A PEACEFUL AND STABLE FUTURE FOR ALL THEIR PEOPLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT.

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

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