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TO IMMEDIATE GABORONE

TELEGRAM NUMBER 165 OF 13 AUGUST

INFO PRIORITY LUSAKA DAR ES SALAAM LAGOS PRETORIA MIRIMBA SALISBURY  
WASHINGTON LUANDA MAPUTO

OUR TELNO 139-142 TO MIRIMBA SALISBURY: RHODESIA CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONFERENCE

1. YOU SHOULD HAND OVER A COPY OF TEXTS IN MY TELS 140-142 UNDER  
COVER OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
SIR SERETSE KHAMA.

BEGINS:

DEAR SIR SERETSE,

THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT  
MEETING IN LUSAKA IS A TRIUMPH FOR THE COMMONWEALTH AND FOR THE  
WISDOM OF THE HEADS OF STATE MOST CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE RHODESIAN  
PROBLEM AND, I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE IT  
POSSIBLE I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL SHARE MY HOPE THAT IT WILL  
PROVIDE THE BREAKTHROUGH WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING FOR SO LONG OVER  
RHODESIA PROBLEM.

I AM DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM GENERATED BY THE AGREEMENT  
AND WE ARE NOW PRESSING ON WITH OUR PLANS FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONFERENCE. INVITATIONS ARE BEING ISSUED TODAY TO BISHOP MUSOREWA AND  
THE LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ATTEND A CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONFERENCE IN LONDON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND A COPY COMES WITH THIS  
LETTER. THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE FIRST STAGE IN OUR PROGRESS  
TOWARDS WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE A SATISFACTORY AND LASTING SETTLEMENT  
FOR RHODESIA AND IT IS VITAL WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR IT  
TO SUCCEED. I AM SURE I CAN COUNT ON YOUR WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT IN

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THIS DELICATE UNDERTAKING. I SHALL OF COURSE BE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU OVER THE COMING WEEKS.

YOURS SINCERELY,

MARGARET THATCHER

ENDS:

CARRINGTON

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PS/MR. LUCE  
PS/MR. RIDLEY  
PS/MR. HURD  
PS/PUS  
SIR A DUFF  
SIR A PARSONS  
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MR. WILLIAMS

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