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PRIME MINISTER
SALISBURY

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T118/80

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,
Prime Minister,
United Kingdom,
LONDON.

Dear Prime Minister,

*Subject on Zimbabwe May 1980
Independence for Zimbabwe (formerly
Rhodesia) - Internal Situation
Ad to Zimbabwe*

In view of the tremendous financial problems arising from the programme of African advancement in the public service, and the plan of land resettlement and economic reconstruction, my Government has felt it necessary to send to London a delegation to discuss with your Government the need for financial assistance from Britain.

The delegation comprises:-

1. Enos Nkala, Minister of Finance
2. Richard Hove, Minister of Public Service
3. Simbi Mubako, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Laws
4. Stan Hardwicke, Chairman of the Public Service Commission.

You will remember, Prime Minister, that when we met in London on my way from Belgrade. I raised the question of the enormous financial burden my Government is faced with because of the incentive scheme in the public service and the need to pay compensation for land to be acquired for resettlement purposes.

Now we are having to consider the proposal by the British Civil Service team (the Gilmour Committee) that African advancement by supersession be accompanied by compensation to those whites who will be superseded.

The delegation I am sending is fully authorised to discuss these issues with your Government in detail.

I trust that the British Government will be willing to offer substantial assistance to enable us to meet the compensation demands that will arise.

I send you my personal greetings and, through you, my warmest regards to Lord Carrington and Lord Soames.

Yours sincerely,

R. G. Mugabe

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