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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 155 OF 26 FEBRUARY 1980

AND TO IMMEDIATE SALISBURY

YOUR TELNO 605 TO SALISBURY AND MY TELNO 152: RHODESIA: ACTION AFTER THE ELECTIONS

1. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT DURING DUDGEON'S CALL ON THE ACTING SECRETARY, DFA LAST NIGHT, PARSONS HINTED STRONGLY THAT IF, IN THE EVENT OF ZANU (PF) EMERGING AS THE LARGEST SINGLE PARTY IN THE ELECTIONS, MUGABE WERE EXCLUDED FROM GOVERNMENT, WE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION OF SUCH A GOVERNMENT FOR GRANTED.

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