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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR FRASER:

BEGINS:

DEAR MALCOLM

I BELIEVE THAT THE AGREEMENT WHICH WE REACHED ON RHODESIA IN LUSAKA REPRESENTS A MOST CONSTRUCTIVE STEP: AND THAT WE HAVE A NEW BASIS FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. WE ARE NOW PRESSING AHEAD WITH OUR PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT, AND INVITATIONS ARE BEING ISSUED TO BISHOP MUZOREWA AND THE LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ATTEND A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON ON 10 SEPTEMBER.

THE AGREEMENT WAS OF COURSE ONLY A BEGINNING, THOUGH A PARTICULARLY AUSPICIOUS ONE. I AM UNDER NO ILLUSION ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES THAT LIE AHEAD. WE SHALL BE NEEDING THE HELP AND GOODWILL OF ALL OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN THE WEEKS THAT LIE AHEAD, AND I AM SURE THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
MARGARET THATCHER

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