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PRIME MINISTER'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AT 1200  
ON WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 1980

Prime Minister: Kenneth, how are you? Hello Kenneth, how are you?  
Its Margaret here.

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T39/80

President Kaunda: Hello Margaret, how are you?

Prime Minister: I'm well, and you?

President Kaunda: I'm afraid I'm not very well, I'm in bed with  
a cold.

Prime Minister: Oh I'm so sorry.

President Kaunda: That's all right. I think I'm recovering  
Margaret, thank you.

Prime Minister: Good.

President Kaunda: Just one thing, Margaret, we seem to have started  
off well across the river here.

Prime Minister: Good.

President Kaunda: I just thought I should share with you my one  
anxiety I have and this is the announcement made that the Monitoring  
Force, the people, would withdraw by the 29th.

Prime Minister: Go on Kenneth I'm sorry you are anxious that they  
are going to . . .

President Kaunda: . . I thought I should share with you my anxiety  
of the announcement that the Monitoring Force people would withdraw  
from these assembly points by the 29th.

Prime Minister: To draw back into Salisbury or towards Salisbury  
and you are anxious about that. Please go on, you are anxious about  
that, Kenneth, are you?

President Kaunda: Yes I am anxious about that Margaret. I was wondering

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whether you could not wait until the 4th when the new Government is formed.

Prime Minister: Usually when we withdraw from a point its in agreement with the commanders of all the forces concerned. Has Joshua Nkomo not agreed to that?

President Kaunda: Sorry Margaret I didn't get that.

Prime Minister: Usually when we plan to withdraw from a Monitoring point its with the agreement of the forces concerned and with the agreement of the Patriotic Front. Has Joshua not agreed to that one?

President Kaunda: Oh. Well I didn't know that.

Prime Minister: That's the way its usually done in conjunction with them. But we'll inquire.

President Kaunda: So that when we have all agreed it means that we are willing to co-operate. Is that it?

Prime Minister: Usually yes. It's only done in agreement with them.

President Kaunda: I see.

Prime Minister: But let me communicate your worries Kenneth and we'll find out.

President Kaunda: . . . . the background to this.

Prime Minister: Yes. Other things are going well I believe. We are waiting anxiously here.

President Kaunda: What's that Margaret, the way that things are going now so far?

Prime Minister: They are going well.

President Kaunda: Yes I think so.

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Prime Minister: Well I'm very pleased. Because its a critical week for Rhodesia.

President Kaunda: Yes.

Prime Minister: Anything else Kenneth because it is good to talk to you.

President Kaunda: I didn't get that Margaret.

Prime Minister: Anything else because its good to talk to you?

President Kaunda: That's the main worrying point.

Prime Minister: That's the main worrying point.

President Kaunda: That's right thank you.

Prime Minister: I'll have inquiries made about it Kenneth. I think we will have agreed it with Joshua but I will certainly find out.

President Kaunda: Thank you.

Prime Minister: And I must say that from all reports here he has fought the election magnificently and kept to the letter and the spirit of every agreement and now we all await the result.

President Kaunda: Oh yes certainly.

Prime Minister: All right Kenneth well I do hope your cold will soon be better and I'll start to make inquiries about that particular point.

President Kaunda: Thank you, Margaret.

Prime Minister: All right?

President Kaunda: Goodbye now Margaret.

Prime Minister: Goodbye thank you very much for phoning, Goodbye.