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HER EXCELLENCY MARGARET THATCHER PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN 10 DOWING STREET
LONDONSW1 (ENGLAND)

YOUR EXCELLENCY I HAVE FOLLOWED WITH KEEN INTEREST THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT MEETING WHICH WAS HELD IN LUSAA VMA
ZAMBIA
CMA AND NOW THAT IT HAS COME TO A

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CLOSE CMA I SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO YOU MY
HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESSES ACHIEVED
DURING THIS HISTORIC CONFERENCE WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED AS THE MOST
SUCCESSFUL COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT IN RECENT YEARS STOP I WAS INDEED
GRATIFIED TO LEARN OF DECISION TAKEN REGARDING THE PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT

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OF THE ZIMBABWEAN QUESTION AND I TRUST THAT ALL CONCERNED AND
PARTICULARLY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL GIVE EVERY
SUPPORT FOR ITS SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION TO AVOID ANY FURTHER
BLOODSHED AND THE ESCALATION OF HOSTILITY TO THE DISTRESS OF
HUMANITY STOP UPON LEARNING OF THIS IMPORTANT DECISION CMA ON MONDAY
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CMA WHEN I HAD THE OCCASION TO RECIVE THE CREDENTIALS OF THE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA I PUBLICLY WELCOMED THE DECISION
CMA FOR AS I UNDERSTAND CMA IT PROVIDES FOR BRITAIN TO DRAW UP
A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE TERRITORY AND TO SUPERVISE FEESH
ELECTIONS TO BE ATTENDED BY COMMONWEALTH

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OBSERVERS STOP I ALSO NOTED THAT IT CALLS FOR AN ALL PARTY
CONFERENCE .
INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THA PATRIOTIC FRONT TO BE ARRANGED
BY BRITAIN WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A CEASE FIRE AND THE LIFTING
OF SANCTIONS STOP I STATED FURTHER THAT THE COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT
REALIZING THE DEFECTIVE CHARACTER OF THE

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PRESENT ZIMBABWE RHODESIA CONSTITUTION COMA RECOGNIZED
THE CON-STITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF BRITAIN TO GRANT LEGAL
INDEPENDENCE TO THAT COUNTRY ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE FOR SUCH
A
DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION WILL OF COURSE INCLUDE SAFEGUARDS FOR
THE RIGHTS OF THE MINORITY STOP IT IS THEREFORE MY FERVENT
HOPE THAT THIS MATTER

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WILL BE TIMELY RESOLVED IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE IN AFRICA
AND OUR ONE WORLD STOP WITH RENEWED SENTIMENTS OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM

WR TOLBERT JR

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