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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Prime Minister,

I have read with great interest your letters of 10th November and 11th December on the Rhodesia Conference in London.

We have just heard that the leaders of the Patriotic Front have accepted the arrangements for the ceasefire, putting the coping stone on the structure so patiently pieced together at the historic Lancaster House Conference. We are greatly relieved by the happy culmination of the process which was initiated with the full backing of the Commonwealth at Lusaka last August. If I may say so, you and Lord Carrington have thereby shown a statesmanship which will significantly reinforce Commonwealth ideals and the cause of democratic decolonisation. The Patriotic Front have endured great privations and sacrifices in their long struggle. It was not easy for them to accept arrangements which they plainly considered to be disadvantageous. That they have done so now is a measure of trust which, we hope, will be reciprocally strengthened under Lord Soames as Governor.

We wish the Governor all success in completing the work which has been so propitiously begun under your stewardship.

Yours sincerely,

(CHARAN SINGH)

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher,
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,
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