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DECEMBER 14, 1979

FOR: PRIME MINISTER THATCHER

FROM: PRESIDENT CARTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER ON THE LANCASTER HOUSE NEGOTIATION. YOU PROBABLY ALREADY WILL HAVE HEARD FROM AMBASSADOR HENDERSON OF MY DECISION TO LIFT SANCTIONS. OUR ANNOUNCEMENT IS PLANNED FOR TOMORROW. I AM COMMUNICATING THIS TO THE FRONT LINE LEADERS ALONG WITH A STRONG PLEA FOR SUPPORT TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS TOMORROW. AS YOU SUGGESTED, I HAVE ALSO INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSY TO MAKE THE SAME POINT TO NKOMO AND MUGABE.

YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN THIS NEGOTIATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

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