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THE PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA IN LUSAKA
ON 31 JULY

Commenting on the discussion over the dinner which, with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, she attended as President Kaunda's guest at the State House in Lusaka on 31 July, the Prime Minister said that the only significant advance over what she had been told by President Nyerere earlier in the day was Kaunda's statement to the effect that if the United Kingdom got the Rhodesia constitution right, he would be bringing pressure to bear, in advance of new elections, to bring the fighting to an end. President Kaunda had also said that if the United Kingdom were to offer a constitution which was in his judgement fair and reasonable, and if President Nkomo were to refuse to accept it, he would take this into account in deciding what action he should adopt vis-a-vis Nkomo. Kaunda had claimed that Zambia wanted to see dramatic changes in the constitution and that the United States and the United Kingdom did so, too. The Prime Minister had made it clear to Kaunda that this was not true so far as the UK was concerned.

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