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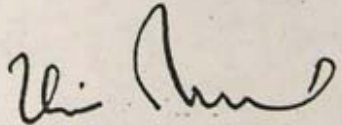
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The President is tentatively leaning toward Option 2, redefined as a conditional acceptance to lift sanctions once certain general but carefully stated conditions of constitutional and procedural reform have been met. The President also added that he would like to explore the possibility of a special envoy to the region to assess the situation, in order to lend credibility to our decision at home and to improve its reception in Africa. You might explore the utility of such a mission and provide your recommendation to the President. (TSS)

The President also suggested that we develop plans for a campaign with selected OAU leaders designed to develop pressure on the various Rhodesian black groupings to get together and shape an African solution to this problem (as an alternative to the Soviet/Cuban solution). (TSS)

Finally, the President stressed that it is important that the British come in on this at the same time as we so that we are not out front. (TSS)



Zbigniew Brzezinski

Attachment

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