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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER
PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
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LONDON

MADAM PRIME MINISTER COLON LET ME THANK YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR SENDING
THE HONOURABLE RICHARD LUCE CMA PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF
YOUR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND COMMONWELATH AFFAIRS CMA TO BRIEF US
ON DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS IN LONDON STOP IN HIS
CONVERSATION WITH MY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CMA WE EXPRESSED
CONCERN OVER SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AS
PROPOSED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AND WE TRUST THAT HE HAS CONVEYED OUR
VIEWS TO YOUR FOREIGN SECRETARY STOP IT WAS OUR HOPE HOWEVER THAT IN
THE SPIRIT OF ACCOMODATION AND FLEXIBILITY CMA AN ATTITUDE OF GIVE
AND TAKE CMA NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES WOULD PROGRESS UNTIL AN
AGREEMENT BASED ON FAIR ACCOMMODATIONS AND MUTUAL TRUST WOULD BE
REACHED STOP WE WILL ALL AGREE CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA THAT
A SETTLEMENT OF COMPLEXED ISSUES SUCH AS THOSE INHERENT IN THE

A SETTLEMENT OF COMPLEXED ISSUES SUCH AS THOSE INHERENT IN THE ZIMBABWEAN PROBLEM CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO BE RESOLVED IF TOLERANCE AND FLEXIBILITY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE MADE MANIFEST IN THE NEGOTIATIONS STOP YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS SET FORTH TO THE PARTIES WHAT IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS THE PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION CMA AND SHOULD YOUR PROPOSALS BE ACCEPTED AS BEING MADE IN GOOD FAITH CMA THEN A TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT ATTITUDE WOULD NOT BE CONSISTANT WITH THE TRUE SPIRIT WHICH SHOULD CHARACTERIZE THE TALKS STOP THAT IS WHY WE FEEL SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE PROPOSALS AS ADVANCED BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT SO THAT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AN ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED MIGHT BE REACHED STOP SITUATION BEING WHAT THEY ARE IN ZIMBABWE CMA IT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT A FAIR AND JUST TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT MIGHT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AN IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY WHICH WOULD EQUALLY INVOLVE THE PARTIES STOP SOME MECHANISM WHICH WOULD AFFORD EQUAL CONDITONS FOR AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION BY THE RESPECTIVE MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES OF THE PARTIES CANNOT IN OUR VIEW BE SUMMARILY DISMISSED AS UNJUSTIFIABLE STOP YOUR GOVERNEMNT HAS PROPOSED TWO MONTHS FOR THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS PROPOSED SIX MONTHS STOP WE SINCERELY FEEL THAT THE PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS IS NOT TOO LONG STOP WE FURTHER FEEL THAT THE INVOLVEMENT OF ANY INTERNATIONAL TEAM MUST ENVISAGE SOME FORM OF ACTION IN SUPERVISING THE ELECTIONS AND NO

MUST ENVISAGE SOME FORM OF ACTION IN SUPERVISING THE ELECTIONS AND NOT
MERELY SERVING AS WITNESSES STOP THIS IN OUR JUDGEMENT IS NO MORE
THAN FAIR AND JUST STOP IF IT IS FELT BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT THAT
UNITED NATIONS FORCES MIGHT BE UTILIZED TO SUPERVISE THE CEASEFIRE
AND THE MILITARY SITUATION DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD CMA ASSIST
WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AND HELP WITH THE SUPERVISION
OF ELECTIONS CMA THEN THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AND GIVEN
TIMELY CONSIDERATION STOP WE MUST AGREE THAT INSISTING ON SOME MEANS
WHEREBY AN IMPARTIAL PUBLIC SERVICE AND JUDICIAL SERVICE DURING THE
INTERIM PERIOD MIGHT BE ENSURED CANN OT BE CONSIDERED ASKING TOO
MUCH STOP WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THUS FAR IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS
THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS DEMONSTRATED A SPIRIT OF GOODWILL AND A
PREPAREDNESS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IN THE INTEREST OF A JUST SETTLE-
MENT OF THE ZIMBABWEAN PROBLEM STOP BEING INVITED CMA THEY CANNOT
BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND NEGOTIATIONS AND IN THE PROCESS NOT ADVANCE
PROPOSALS WHICH THEY FEEL WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THOSE
THEY REPRESENT STOP AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN THE TALKS
CMA WE URGE CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT
REMAIN KEENLY AWARE OF ITS HIGH RESPONSIBILITY FIRST TO THE PEOPLE
OF ZIMBABWE AND THEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONDUCT CMA
IN A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL MANNER CMA NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES
CONCERNED STOP IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE LEGITIMATE FEARS AND
APPREHENSIONS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED AND

APPREHENSIONS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED AND
GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION FOR THEY EMINATE FROM REPEATED MANUEVERS
AND SCHEMES OF THE RACIST MINORITY REGIME OF ZIMBABWE DESIGNED TO
PERPETUATE THEIR DOMINANCE STOP MUCH CONFIDENCE IS NOW IMPOSED IN
BRITAIN BY THE COMMONWEALTH CMA AFRICA AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
IN THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO THE ZIMBABWEAN PROBLEM STOP ACCORDING
LY CMA I ASSURE YOU MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA THE EXPECTATIONS OF
AFRICAN NATIONS ARE HIGH THAT THAT CONFIDENCE WILL BE JUSTIFIED AND
OUR OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS WILL EMERGE A FAIR CMA JUST AND
INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA FOR THE TRANSITION TO GENUINE
INDEEPEENCE WITH MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE STOP WITH RENEWED
ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM SINCERELY

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THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

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