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Madam Prime Minister,

I have the honour to transcribe hereunder, text of a Telegram I have received today from President William R. Tolbert, Jr., current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity addressed to your goodself:-

"THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON.

MADAM PRIME MINISTER COLON THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS IN RHODESIA HAVING NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED CMA WE WISH TO COMMEND YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS THUS FAR ATTAINED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT STOP WE REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT AS RHODESIA NOW STANDS AT THE THRESHOLD OF INDEPENDENCE CMA YOUR GOVERN-MENT WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO ENSURE THAT THE FINAL PHASE OF TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IS SMOOTH AND THAT THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA AS EXPRESSED IN THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS WILL BE FULLY RESPECTED STOP IT IS OUR PRAYERFUL WISH THAT WITH THE EMERGENCE OF A LEGALLY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA CMA FREEDOM CMA JUSTICE CMA EQUALITY AND PEACE WILL AT LONG LAST BE THE LEGACY OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT TERRITORY STOP PLEASE ACCEPT CMA MADAM PRIME MINISTER CMA RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM SINCERELY

W.R. TOLBERT JR. PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU"

Please accept, Madam Prime Minister, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

AMBASSADOR

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher M.P. Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, LONDON S.W. 1.

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