

Note handed to
me at Washington
Embassy ^{London}
Dec. 15 75 - to
announce
act.

I have just heard that the
Patriotic Front are prepared to initial
later today the agreement reached at
the Lancaster House Conference for
an end to the war; and for free
and fair elections leading to independence.

This is a major ~~step towards~~
~~in the peaceful evolution of Southern~~
~~Africa, which~~ achievement, which will
be welcomed by all those who
wish to see the peaceful resolution
of the problems of Southern Africa.
~~In making this~~ This achievement has

been brought about ~~with~~ in
close cooperation with the United
States, and in particular with the
personal help and support of
President Carter. ~~at~~ We shall
continue to work closely together
to promote peace and democracy
in Southern Africa.