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FROM BRASILIA 30:1514Z AUG 79
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 185 OF 30 AUGUST

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T90A/79T

LETTER FOR PRIME MINISTER FROM PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS HANDED OVER
HERE THIS MORNING. TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINS.

29TH AUGUST 1979

DEAR MARGARET,
I THANK YOU FOR SENDING YOUR SPECIAL ENVOY TO LUSAKA. I FOUND
YOUR MESSAGE VERY USEFUL.

LAST NIGHT I SAW HER AGAIN AND TOLD HER THEN THAT I WOULD LIKE
TO BE BRIEFED AS SOON AS I RETURN TO LUSAKA ROUND ABOUT SEPTEMBER
9TH, 1979. I ALSO TOLD HER TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I WOULD BE SENDING
MY SPECIAL ASSISTANT (POLITICAL), MR MARK C. CHONA TO BE AROUND
IN LONDON A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE STARTS. IT IS
A PITY THAT DUE TO PRESSURE OF WORK I AM UNABLE TO COME THROUGH
LONDON AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME.

BEFORE CONCLUDING THIS LETTER, I JUST WISH TO LET YOU KNOW THAT
REFLECTING OVER THE ISSUE OF YOUR SPECIAL ENVOY COMING BACK TO
LUSAKA AGAIN, I HAVE A CHANGE OF MIND. 9TH SEPTEMBER WILL BE
VERY CLOSE TO THE CONFERENCE ITSELF AND THEREFORE DANGERS OF
LEAKAGES WILL NOT BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR AT THAT TIME. IT IS
THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT WE RETURN TO NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS
OF COMMUNICATIONS - EITHER THROUGH MY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON
OR YOUR OWN IN LUSAKA. MY CHANGE OF MIND ON THIS SUBJECT IS DUE
TO THE OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE OF THE MATTER OVER WHICH WE ARE EXCHANGING
VIEWS.

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I WISH YOU GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GUIDANCE IN THE VERY DIFFICULT
TASK YOU ARE UNDERTAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US.

AS ALWAYS,
KENNETH
KENNETH DAVID KAUNDA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA.

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