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Dear Michael,

Rhodesia: Message to New Zealand Prime Minister

The New Zealand High Commission recently sent us a copy of a statement by Mr Muldoon about sanctions, a copy of which is enclosed. This is a further example of the helpful line which Mr Muldoon has taken throughout the Lancaster House Conference. (You will recall that he sent two messages to delegates to the Conference, which were copied to you under cover of my letters of 10 September and 25 October.)

New Zealand, together with Australia, Kenya and Fiji, has already agreed to contribute to the ceasefire monitoring force. She has also agreed with our proposals that Commonwealth countries should send independent teams to observe the Rhodesian elections (although the Commonwealth Secretary-General is still pressing for a composite observer team).

Lord Carrington thinks that it would be much appreciated if the Prime Minister sent a message of thanks to Mr Muldoon. I enclose a draft message in the form of a telegram to Wellington.

Yours ever

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