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MY TWO IPTS: RHODESIA

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NYERERE'S LETTER TO WALDHEIM:  
BEGINS,

DEAR SECRETARY-GENERAL.

ON 2ND FEBRUARY 1980, FOLLOWING A LONG CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA. THE SECURITY COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION BY FOURTEEN VOTES TO NONE, CALLING UPON ALL PARTIES TO THE LANCASTER HOUSE AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THAT AGREEMENT. THE DEBATE REFLECTED THE WORLD WIDE CONCERN THAT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE IN THE BRITISH COLONY, AND FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS LEADING TO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED INDEPENDENCE, SHOULD NOT BE JEOPARDISED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OR OF ANY OTHER OF THE PARTIES TO THAT AGREEMENT.

WE IN TANZANIA ARE WELL AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES FACING THE BRITISH GOVERNOR, LORD SOAMES, IN ANY HONEST ATTEMPT TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS. WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE GREAT DIFFICULTIES FACING ALL THE POLITICAL LEADERS INVOLVED IN THE

BRITISH GOVERNOR, LORD SOAMES, IN ANY HONEST ATTEMPT TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS. WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE GREAT DIFFICULTIES FACING ALL THE POLITICAL LEADERS INVOLVED, BUT ESPECIALLY THE LEADERS OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO HAD TO GET COMPLIANCE FROM ISOLATED GROUPS IN THE BUSH - WITH WHICH THEIR CONTACT HAS ALWAYS BEEN DIFFICULT AND FREQUENTLY INTERMITTENT.

HOWEVER, TEN DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED. DURING THAT PERIOD THE ZANU (PF) AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZAPU) LEADERS HAVE BOTH AGAIN CALLED PUBLICLY UPON THEIR SUPPORTERS TO COMPLY WITH THE AGREEMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF VIOLENT ATTACKS ON POLITICAL LEADERS, 9 OUT OF 12 OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST ZANU (PF) PEOPLE, INCLUDING TWO ATTEMPTS ON THE LIFE OF ROBERT MUGABE.

THERE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN NO APPARENT ATTEMPT BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT ANY OF THE TERMS OF PARAGRAPH FIVE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. MY GOVERNMENT IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT PARAGRAPH 5 (III) CALLING FOR "THE CONFINEMENT FORTHWITH OF THE RHODESIAN AND AUXILIARY FORCES TO THEIR BASES IN CONFORMITY WITH THAT AGREEMENT" HAS NOT LED TO ANY CHANGE IN THE EARLIER SITUATION. ON THE CONTRARY, THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF THE BRITISH GOVERNOR HAS BEEN JUSTIFYING THE FAILURE TO CONFINE THESE FORCES. HE SAID ON 5TH FEBRUARY "THEY (THE AUXILIARIES) ARE DEPLOYED TO SUPPORT THE POLICE IN COUNTERING LAWLESSNESS AND BREACHES OF THE CEASE-FIRE - BOTH OF WHICH CONTINUE TO BE EXTENSIVE". IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT AUTHORITIES ARE USING THEM TO HELP RESTORE NORMAL LOCAL FACILITIES DISRUPTED BY THE WAR. REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES AND OTHER LOCAL OBSERVERS (INCLUDING FORMER PRIME MINISTER GARFIELD ~~TODD~~) TALK OF THE INTIMIDATION AND LAWLESSNESS OF THE AUXILIARIES THEMSELVES. THE "RHODESIA SECURITY FORCES" ARE ALSO STILL 'DEPLOYED' BY THE GOVERNOR, AND OFFICIALLY ARE SAID TO BE STATIONED ON THE BORDERS OF THE COUNTRY - ALL OF WHICH IS CONTRARY TO THE LONDON

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THERE ARE OTHER RESPECTS IN WHICH WE BELIEVE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS GOVERNOR, IS ACTING CONTRARY TO BOTH THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT. SUPPORTERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ARE CONTINUING TO BE ARRESTED AND HELD IN DETENTION UNDER THE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS. THIS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE HAPPENING TO SUPPORTERS OF OTHER PARTIES. THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO US TO BE EQUAL TREATMENT ACCORDED TO ALL PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT. ALLEGED PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS BY ZANU (PF) CANDIDATES LEAD TO IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE AUTHORITIES, WHILE AUTHENTICATED ONES BY OTHER PARTY LEADERS ARE IGNORED. AND THE RETURN OF REFUGEES FROM NEIGHBOURING STATES IS BEING CARRIED OUT VERY SLOWLY. IN THE PERIOD UP TO 7TH FEBRUARY, ONLY 17,687 REFUGEES HAD BEEN PROCESSED (2,962 FROM MOZAMBIQUE), AND ALL RETURNEES ARE BEING INTERROGATED AND SOME DETAINED.

IN THE LIGHT OF ALL THESE THINGS, MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL, AND THE UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE GENERALLY PREVAILING, I AM WRITING TO YOU OFFICIALLY TO ASK THAT YOU SHOULD YOURSELF IMMEDIATELY GO TO RHODESIA TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION, AND AFTERWARDS SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS. I URGE THIS ACTION BECAUSE OF MY GOVERNMENT'S GREAT DESIRE FOR COMPLETELY FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN RHODESIA, AND HOPE THAT, EVEN NOW CHANGES COULD BE MADE TO MAKE THESE POSSIBLE.

I SEND MY GREETINGS TO YOU.  
YOUR SINCERELY,

JULIUS K. NYERERE.  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.

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