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TO IMMEDIATE WELLINGTON

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR MULDOON

BEGINS

DEAR ROB

I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY VIEW THAT THE AGREEMENT WE REACHED AT LIJSAKA OVER RHODESIA WAS A TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT IN ESTABLISHING A NEW BASIS FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSISTENT SUPPORT. WE ARE DETERMINED TO PRESS AHEAD, AND TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM WE HAVE GAINED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THAT AGREEMENT WE ARE NOW INVITING BISHOP MUZOREWA AND THE LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ATTEND A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON ON 10 SEPTEMBER. THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST STAGE IN A PROCESS THAT IS BOUND TO BE DIFFICULT, AND WE SHALL NEED ALL THE HELP AND SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES CAN GIVE US. I AM SURE THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOURS.

WITH BEST WISHES
MARGARET THATCHER
ENDS.

CARRINGTON

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