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TO IMMEDIATE KINGSTON

TELEGRAM NUMBER 115 OF 13 AUGUST.

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR MANLEY. TO REACH HIM FIRST THING ON TUESDAY MORNING, 14 AUGUST, LOCAL TIME. NEWS OF THE INVITATION WILL BECOME PUBLIC HERE AT 1130Z ON 14 SEPTEMBER.

BEGINS:-

DEAR MICHEAL,

I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS FOR YOUR MOST HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN LUSAKA AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE AGREEMENT THAT WE REACHED ON RHODESIA. I BELIEVE THAT WE NOW HAVE THE BASIS FOR PROCEEDING TO GENUINE BLACK MAJORITY RULE AND RESTORING RHODESIA TO LEGALITY AND PEACE WITH WIDE INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. WE ARE SENDING INVITATIONS TO BISHOP MUZOREWA AND THE LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LUSAKA AGREEMENT, WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS AS TO THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE AHEAD BUT ARE DETERMINED TO SPARE NO EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME. IN THIS UNDERTAKING WE SHALL NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND OUTSIDE. I AM SURE THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOU. I SHALL OF COURSE BE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU OVER THE COMING WEEKS.

YOURS SINCERELY,
MARGARET THATCHER

ENDS.

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