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From the Private Secretary

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CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER BY THE ZAMBIAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
AT NO. 10 ON 4 JUNE 1979

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As you know, the Zambian Minister of Education, Dr. Goma, called on the Prime Minister at 1115 this morning in order to hand over a message from President Kaunda. President Kaunda's message, of which I enclose a copy, <sup>18/6/79</sup> was simply his formal invitation to the Prime Minister to attend the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Lusaka. Dr. Goma also conveyed to the Prime Minister President Kaunda's greetings. The Prime Minister commented that both she and the President were people who spoke frankly and Dr. Goma agreed that it was helpful if whatever steps a government might take were seen to result from a clearly-defined position. The Prime Minister promised to send a formal reply to President Kaunda's invitation in due course. Dr. Goma said that the President had, of course, assumed that Mrs. Thatcher would come to Lusaka, although they had received no definite word to this effect. The Prime Minister said that she, for her part, had assumed that she would be invited - she hoped and expected to be there. Dr. Goma told the Prime Minister that President Kaunda looked forward to a bilateral meeting at which he and the Prime Minister could discuss matters other than CHGM business. The Prime Minister readily agreed to this.

The Prime Minister told Dr. Goma that she had never been to Zambia before and hoped that she would be able to see something of the country while she was there. Dr. Goma said that the Zambian Government were thinking in terms of a possible visit to a game park or to Livingstone, in order to see the Victoria Falls.

I am sending a copy of this letter, and enclosure, to Martin Vile in the Cabinet Office.

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