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PRIME MINISTER'S
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FM LUSAKA 051545Z AUGUST
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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON
TELNO 003 OF 5 AUGUST 1979
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MIPT: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER
TO PRESIDENT CARTER:-

" DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

I BELIEVE WE ARE NEAR TO SECURING AGREEMENT IN LUSAKA
TO A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH THE COMMONWEALTH RECOGNISE THE NEW
SITUATION IN RHODESIA AND ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH US TO BRING
RHODESIA TO INDEPENDENCE.

I ENCLOSE THE TEXT OF THE PASSAGE FROM THE
COMMUNIQUE WHICH HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BY A SMALL GROUP OF US
INCLUDING PRESIDENT KAUNDA, PRESIDENT NYERERE AND THE NIGERIAN
COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE HOPE TO HAVE IT
ENDORSED BY OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES TOMORROW. OF COURSE WE MAY
STILL RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES SEMI CLN AND I SHALL LET YOU KNOW
AS SOON AS THE DEBATE IS OVER.

YOU WILL SEE THAT THE TEXT PICKS UP MOST OF THE POINTS
WHICH I MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TEN DAYS AGO. I BELIEVE
THAT THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THIS POLICY WILL
ENABLE BISHOP MUZOREWA TO WORK WITH US FOR THE KIND OF
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE ABOUT WHICH YOU TALKED TO HIM AT
CAMP DAVID. WE MUST CONTINUE TO GIVE HIM ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT
WE CAN.

I SHALL BE CONSULTING MY COLLEAGUES
WHEN I GET HOME AND WILL BE IN TOUCH AGAIN THEREAFTER. BUT
YOU WILL SEE FROM THE COMMUNIQUE THE LINES ON WHICH WE ARE
THINKING AND I WANTED YOU TO HAVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF IT.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

MARGARET THATCHER ."

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