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Dear Michael,

Rhodesia: Ceasefire negotiations

If by tomorrow morning the Patriotic Front have still not accepted our ceasefire proposals, Lord Carrington thinks that it would be useful for the Prime Minister to send messages to some of the moderate African and Commonwealth Heads of Government with whom she has been in contact about Rhodesia. I attach a draft telegram of instructions. The purpose of the messages would be both to exert further pressure on the Patriotic Front to join in an agreed settlement and to demonstrate that we are doing our utmost to bring them in.

Yours ever
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