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ZIMBABWE: COMMANDER OF THE ARMED

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- 1. I agree with the approach outlined in Francis Pym's minute to you of 24 July.
- 2. Ian Gilmour discussed this question with Mr Mugabe in Gaborone and thought Mugabe was leaning towards a British appointment. This is encouraging. As far as we know, no other country has yet been approached.
- I am copying this minute to Francis Pym. 3.

(CARRINGTON)

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