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TELEGRAM NUMBER 131 OF 10 MAY 1983,

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1. OWING TO THE DECISION TO HOLD THE GENERAL ELECTION ON 9 JUNE IT IS UNFORTUNATELY NECESSARY TO POSTPONE PRESIDENT MACHEL'S VISIT. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MACHEL: BEGINS. I HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD WITH SO MUCH PLEASURE TO YOUR VISIT NEXT WEEK. THERE ARE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE WHICH WE SHOULD DISCUSS TOGETHER. BUT AS YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE HEARD, WE SHALL NOW BE HOLDING A GENERAL ELECTION HERE ON 9 JUNE.

IT IS OUR LONGSTANDING TRADITION NOT TO ENTERTAIN WORLD POLITICAL LEADERS IN THIS COUNTRY DURING A GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND WITH THE GREATEST REGRET I THEREFORE HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO SUGGEST THAT YOUR VISIT SHOULD BE POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATES FOR YOUR VISIT CAN BE FOUND LATER IN THE YAR. ENDS.

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