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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 187/82

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

1 October 1982

Dear Prime Minister,

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Thank you for your letter of 9 September about your visit to Britain. We, too, felt that this was a most valuable event which further reinforced the close links between our countries. I appreciate your kind remarks about our aid programme.

I agree with you that it is most important to achieve an early solution to the Namibia problem. As you know, we are continuing our efforts in conjunction with our partners in the Five. We have been encouraged by recent progress on issues relating to Security Council Resolution 435. We hope that other outstanding problems will soon be resolved in order to open the way for implementation of the UN Plan.

We regard stability and security in the countries of your region as a major objective. Zimbabwe's independence was an important step in this direction; a successful outcome in Namibia would be another. Stability and security can only be maintained on the basis of mutual respect by all countries for each other's territorial integrity and sovereignty and an effective working relationship, particularly in the economic field. We make every effort to ensure that the South African Government are well aware of our deep concern at any activities which are in breach of these principles.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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The Hon. R.G. Mugabe

Zimbabwe
1 October 1982

Thank you for your letter of 27 September enclosing a draft reply to Mr. Mugabe's letter of 9 September. The Prime Minister has now signed the draft which is enclosed. I should be grateful if you could arrange for its transmission.

Tim Flesher

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

27 September 1982

Dear John, O/R

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/ Thank you for your letter of 21 September enclosing a copy of Mr Mugabe's letter of 9 September to the Prime Minister. I enclose a draft reply.

Yours ever

J E Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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Prime Minister of Zimbabwe

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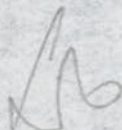
21 September 1982

The Prime Minister has received a letter from the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr. Robert Mugabe, a copy of which is attached.

I should be grateful for a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send to Mr. Mugabe by Monday, 27 September.

(TIM FLESHER)

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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PRIME MINISTER

HARARE

9 September, 1982.



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Prime Minister:

We are obtaining
a draft reply

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The Right Honourable Mrs M. Thatcher,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London.

Dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour to write to thank you, your Government and the People of the United Kingdom for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to my delegation during our first official visit to the United Kingdom earlier this year.

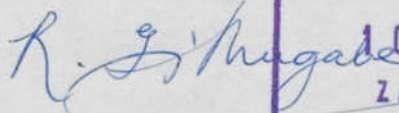
I wish also, on behalf of my Government and the People of Zimbabwe, to express our gratitude to your Government for agreeing to continue to provide us with both technical and financial assistance. My visit gave us a good opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the ties between us and to exchange views and ideas on other matters of mutual and international concern. I found it to be a most rewarding experience.

Finally, I urge you to continue your efforts within the Contact Group to bring about a just and speedy conclusion to the search for Namibian independence. South Africa's intransigence and stalling tactics on this matter should not be allowed to delay any further that territory's transition to independence in accordance with the terms of U.N. Security Council Resolution 435 of 1978.

Further, as you well know, South Africa has embarked on a policy of destabilising its neighbouring states through the mechanisms of sabotage, support for dissident groups and outright invasion. We would hope you would exert your influence with the regime in Pretoria, urging it to desist from these hostile and unprovoked acts of wanton aggression.

Please accept, dear Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,



R.G. MUGABE



Prime Minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

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