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MY TELNO 136: ANGOLAN EMISSARY.

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO  
PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS:

BEGINS:  
QUOTE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE, WHICH WAS CONVEYED TO ME BY  
YOUR AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS, SR VAN DUNEM, ON 27 MAY. I, AND LORD  
CARRINGTON, WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING WITH HIM THE  
PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE STRENGTHENING OF BILATERAL  
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE ZIMBABWE NEGOTIATIONS HAS GIVEN  
RENEWED HOPE THAT PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS CAN BE FOUND EVEN TO THE MOST  
INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERN-  
MENT, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR WESTERN PARTNERS, WILL CONTINUE  
THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA MAY SOON BECOME  
FREE AND INDEPENDENT THROUGH ELECTIONS UNDER UNITED NATIONS  
SUPERVISION.

I HOPE THAT, FOLLOWING THE LUSAKA SUMMIT MEETING OF THE FRONT  
LINE STATES, THE CURRENT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THESE STATES, DR  
WALDHEIM AND THE WESTERN FIVE WILL RESULT IN PROGRESS TOWARDS  
SECURING AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PLAN  
FOR NAMIBIA.

UNQUOTE  
ENDS.

2. CLEMENCY FOR BRITISH MERCENARIES:

IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR DISTRESS TELNO 23 OF 13 JUNE, WE AGREE THAT  
YOU SHOULD RAISE THE QUESTION OF CLEMENCY ORALLY, LEAVING A  
SPEAKING NOTE AT YOUR DISCRETION.

CARRINGTON [COPIES SENT TO NO 10 DOWNING ST]

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17 June 1980

Message to President dos Santos

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 12 June covering a draft message to President dos Santos. The Prime Minister is content with the text you propose except that she would wish to omit the final sentence of the penultimate paragraph. The first half of that sentence is already implicit in the first paragraph and the second half, in the Prime Minister's view, protests too much.

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12 June 1980

Dear Michael,

PRIME MINISTER  
Agree attached draft?

Would you please refer to your letter of 27 May about the call on the Prime Minister paid by the Angolan Ambassador at Brussels, Sr van Dunem, on that day.

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We consider that it would be appropriate to send a written reply to the message from President dos Santos, which Sr van Dunem left with the Prime Minister. I attach a draft.

yours ever

Roderic

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My telno. 136: ANGOLAN EMISSARY

1. Please deliver the following message, by the most appropriate and expeditious means, from the Prime Minister to President dos Santos:

Begins:

'Thank you for your personal message, which was conveyed to me by your Ambassador in Brussels, Sr van Dunem, on 27 May. I, and Lord Carrington, welcomed the opportunity of discussing with him the problems of southern Africa and the strengthening of bilateral relations between our countries.

The successful outcome of the Zimbabwe negotiations has given renewed hope that peaceful solutions can be found

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even to the most intractable problems. It is in this spirit that the British Government, in association with their Western partners, will continue their efforts to ensure that the people of Namibia may soon become free and independent through elections under United Nations supervision. (At the same time, Mr President, I wish to assure you that the aim of the British Government is to improve the relations between our two countries, and that there is no question of Britain giving any support to groups in armed rebellion against your Government.)

I hope that, following the Lusaka Summit Meeting of the Front Line States, the current consultations between these states, Dr Waldheim and the Western Five will result in progress towards securing ~~South African~~ agreement to implementation of the United Nations plan for Namibia'.  
Ends.

2. As you know, the Prime Minister raised with Sr van Dunem the question of clemency for the British mercenaries. We have not felt it appropriate to revert to this in the Prime Ministerial message. In delivering this message you should however take the opportunity to refer to the Prime Minister's remarks to Sr van Dunem and to enquire whether

*Unless we were asked about this, please do not include it. ref.*

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this matter has yet been given further consideration.