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Dear Sir Geoffrey:

Francis Pym sent me a thoughtful message on April 15th regarding Her Majesty's Government's review of policy toward Zimbabwe. We, too, have recently conducted a searching review of our relationship with Zimbabwe and arrived essentially at the same conclusions described in Francis' letter. Both the U. S. and Britain have a strong stake in a Zimbabwe oriented around a Western-model economic and political system with full constitutional protection for minorities, for full political participation and other civil liberties, and for a strong private sector in the economy.

I was encouraged to hear that the British Government has decided to stand by its support for Zimbabwe and maintain the assistance you are giving that country. We intend to maintain our support as well, although the present political instability in Zimbabwe has complicated our effort to maintain the requisite backing in the Congress and with the American people.

President Reagan has invited Prime Minister Mugabe to come to Washington for an official working visit in mid-September. This will provide an opportunity for us to discuss our concerns directly with him. In this regard, the bilateral talks between our respective African experts which took place this week contributed to sharpening our coordination on these and other matters.

I look forward to our continuing dialogue on ways to help Zimbabwe in its search for national unity, reconciliation, and stability.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

George

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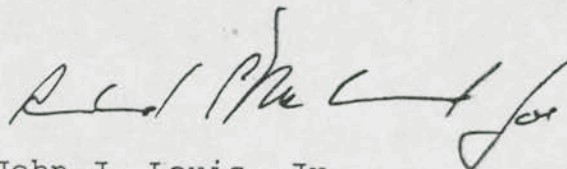
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LONDON

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Dear Foreign Secretary:

I have been asked to deliver the enclosed message to you from Secretary Shultz which was received at the Embassy this morning.

Sincerely,



John J. Louis, Jr.
Ambassador

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