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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 583

OF 171530Z DECEMBER 1985

INFO IMMEDIATE HARARE

YOUR TEL NO 338: SOUTH AFRICA/ ZIMBABWE

1. MINISTER SPOKE THIS AFTERNOON TO MALAN, DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA IN DFA, AS INSTRUCTED AND HANDED OVER A COPY OF THE FCO PRESS STATEMENT.

2. MALAN EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE STATEMENT, WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE PROMISED TO CONVEY AT ONCE TO HIS MINISTER THE NEWS THAT WE WERE URGENTLY CONSIDERING A MESSAGE TO MUGABE, FOR WHICH THE SAG WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL. AS REGARDS ANY 'HOT PURSUIT', MALAN SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE VERY MUCH A MATTER OF LAST RESORT, AND THAT STAGE HAD NOT YET BEEN REACHED BY ANY MEANS. THEY WERE IN TOUCH WITH THE ZIMBABWEANS ON SECURITY CHANNELS AND A MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE 'VERY SHORTLY'.

3. THE PRESS THIS AFTERNOON REPORTS THAT 'URGENT CONSULTATIONS' BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN AND ZIMBABWEAN OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS WERE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE TODAY.

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