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final message

YOUR TELSNO 197 AND 198: SOUTH AFRICA: PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE

1. I DELIVERED THE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA AT 1830 HOURS ON 30 JUNE. AS YOU KNOW, HE HAD LEARNT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL DECISION FROM THE BBC ON 27 JUNE, AND HAD EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPROVAL IN FORCIBLE TERMS THAT EVENING TO HTN. HE HAD SPOKEN IN SIMILAR TERMS TO MR HEALEY ON 28 JUNE (MY TELNO 211).

2. KAUNDA THANKED ME AND SAID HE WOULD REPLY IN A FEW DAYS. HE WISHED TO COMMENT STRAIGHTAWAY ON THAT PART OF PARA 5 BEGINNING 'I AM UTTERLY DETERMINED.....'. A MAJOR BRITISH ERROR IN ANALYSIS WAS TO LOOK TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR PEACEFUL DEVELOPEMENT WHEN THE SITUATION WAS MOVING TOWARDS AN EXPLOSION. HIS OWN ANALYSIS AT NASSAU HAD BEEN THAT SANCTIONS WOULD BUY TIME, PERHAPS STAVING OFF THE EXPLOSION UNTIL THE DIEHARD BOERS COME ROUND. SANCTIONS MIGHT NOT WORK BUT WHILE THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF BOTHA LISTENING TO REASON THEY WOULD SERVE TO APPLY PRESSURE, BUY TIME, AND SHOW THE BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA THAT THE WORLD WAS CONCERNED.

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3. I MANAGED A JUDICIOUS PLUG FOR YOUR MISSION. KAUNDA DID NOT SEE HOW THIS COULD ACHIEVE ANYTHING WHEN THE EPG AND LORD BARBER ('A PERFECT GENTLEMAN') HAD COME BACK DISILLUSIONED. BUT HE WAS NOT WHOLLY DISMISSIVE, PERHAPS THROUGH INNATE COURTESY, AND THOUGH HE KNOWS THAT BLACK LEADERS IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE SAID THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE YOU HE DID NOT SAY THAT FOR HIMSELF.

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