

RESTRICTED

FM HARARE

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 296

OF 181040Z JULY 86

INFO IMMEDIATE LUSAKA, DAR ES SALAAM, GABORONE, MAPUTO, LUANDA

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM ORIGINALLY TRANSMITTED AS IMMEDIATE AND NOW UPGRADED TO FLASH AT REQUEST OF ORIGINATOR FOR ATTENTION CAFD FCO

YOUR TELNO 174: FLS MEETING

1. I HAVE PASSED THE TEXTS IN YOUR TUR IN WRITING TO ALL THE DELEGATIONS EXCEPT THE ANGOLAN (ARRIVING LATE). BECAUSE OF CONFUSED ARRANGEMENTS, I HANDED THEM PERSONALLY TO MACHEL AND BOTSWANA FOREIGN MINISTER, WITHOUT CONVERSATION; TO MUGABE AND MWINYI SEPARATELY, WITH A SHORT CONVERSATION IN ELABORATION (BOTH WERE NON-COMMITTAL); TO KAUNDA (PLUS A SEPARATE LETTER WITH THE TEXT IN YOUR TELNO 223 TO LUSAKA) VIA THE ZAMBIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER; AND HAVE LEFT THE MESSAGE FOR THE ANGOLAN WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY MFA, WHO PROMISES TO PASS IT ON ON THEIR ARRIVAL.

2. EXISTENCE OF THIS MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, BECAUSE MANGWENDE INSISTED THAT I HAND IT TO MUGABE UNDER TELEVISION CAMERAS. WE TALKED LATER IN PRIVATE. TO WAITING JOURNALISTS AFTERWARDS I REFERRED ONLY TO RECENT STATEMENTS IN THE HOUSE, AND THE NEED FOR OUR GOVERNMENTS TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH.

3. I DELEIVERED MESSAGE TO MANGWENDE (YOUR TELNO 171) TO HIS HOUSE LAST NIGHT, AND HE CONFIRMED RECEIPT TODAY, WITHOUT COMMENT.

4. IN THE MARGINS, PERM SEC MFA TOLD ME HE WOULD NOT (NOT) BE ABLE TO GIVE ACCURATE PREVIEW OF MUGABE'S MOVEMENTS DURING PERIOD OF SECRETARY OF STATE'S SOUTHERN AFRICAN TOUR UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

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