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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR FRASER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

BEGINS

I AM WRITING TO SEND YOU MY BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY AND FULL RECOVERY FROM YOUR PRESENT ILLNESS. I WAS VERY SORRY TO HEAR THAT WHAT SEEMED TO HAVE STARTED AS INFLUENZA HAD TAKEN A MORE SERIOUS TURN: IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR THAT YOU HAVE NOW RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY TO GO TO NAREEN, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET SOME REST THERE.

I WAS DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU SAID LAST WEEK ABOUT RHODESIA. THIS HAS BEEN ALL THE MORE WELCOME IN THE LIGHT OF THE UNWILLINGNESS OF SOME OF OUR FRIENDS TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED AMONG OUR SUPPORTERS ON THIS VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE. WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE STAGE WHERE I DARE TO HOPE THAT WE MAY, WITH THE HELP OF OUR FRIENDS, ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL AND LASTING SETTLEMENT.

ENDS.

SIGNED MESSAGE WILL FOLLOW BY BAG.

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Message to Mr. Fraser

As you already know the Prime Minister has seen and approved the message enclosed with your letter to me of 23 November.

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

23 November 1979

Prime Minister

Are we?

Ans 23/11

Dear Michael,

Yes orb

Our High Commissioner in Canberra has suggested that it would be a useful and much appreciated gesture if the Prime Minister could send a short message to Mr Fraser, who is sick with pneumonia and pleurisy, sending her best wishes, and thanking him for his recent support over Rhodesia: see Canberra telegram No 626 (copy attached). Lord Carrington agrees with this, and suggests that the message should be as cordial as possible. I attach a draft for the Prime Minister's consideration.

yours ever

Roderic Lyne

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Private Secretary

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Please deliver the following personal message from the Prime Minister to Mr Fraser as quickly as possible.

Begins

I am writing to send you my best wishes for a speedy and full recovery from your present illness. I was very sorry to hear that what seemed to have started as influenza had taken a more serious turn; it was good to hear that you have now recovered sufficiently to go to Nareen, and I hope that you will be able to get some rest there.

I was deeply grateful for what you said last week about Rhodesia. This has been all the more welcome in the

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light of the unwillingness of some of our friends to stand up and be counted among our supporters on this very difficult issue. We have now reached the stage where I dare to hope that we may, with the help of our friends, achieve a peaceful and lasting settlement.

Ends.

Signed message will follow by bag.

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