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THE PRIME MINISTER

27 March 1980

Now that your mission in Rhodesia has come to an end, I should like to express my warmest thanks to you for the invaluable contribution which you, and your staff, made to the implementation of the Lancaster House agreement and the transition to independence.

I know how difficult the task which you were asked to carry out must have been. But without all the patient effort you and your colleagues put into establishing and maintaining good relations with the British South Africa Police, and into the investigation of complaints by the political parties, and without the prestige and authority which you personally brought to the office of Police Adviser to the Governor, we should have been ill-placed to defend our policies to the international community and to make good our undertaking to conduct an election in fair conditions. You are entitled to feel pride and satisfaction in a job well done in the best traditions of the British police service, and I congratulate you on your achievement.

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