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TELEGRAM NUMBER 146 OF 22 FEBRUARY 1980

INFO PRIORITY SALISBURY DAR ES SALAAM LUSAKA WASHINGTON AND UKMIS
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attached.
YOUR TELEGRAM 97: RHODESIA

1. I SAW MR FRASER THIS MORNING AND TOOK HIM THROUGH ALL THE POINTS IN YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE, ALSO LEAVING WITH HIM A WRITTEN VERSION OF THEM.
2. HE WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAD MADE AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE TO SEE MR PEACOCK.
3. MR FRASER MADE THE POINT WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 2 (A) OF YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE THAT NYERERE DID NOT (REPEAT NOT) IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH MR FRASER TRY TO EXONERATE MUGABE, ALTHOUGH HE DID CLAIM THAT MUGABE WAS TRYING TO SECURE COMPLIANCE FROM HIS FORCES. MR FRASER SAID THAT NYERERE'S MAIN POINT WAS THAT ALL PARTIES SHOULD BE CALLED TO ORDER, NOT JUST MUGABE.
4. MR FRASER SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH THE POINT IN PARAGRAPH 2 (B), BUT DID NOT ALTOGETHER AGREE WITH POINT 2 (C) ON WHICH HE AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT NYERERE HAD AN INTEREST IN A SETTLEMENT AND THAT HE WOULD ONLY SUPPORT MUGABE IN A CONTINUATION OF THE STRUGGLE IF HE BELIEVED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNFAIRLY TREATED.
5. MR FRASER SAID THAT SO FAR AS HE COULD MAKE OUT BREACHES OF THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN GENERAL AND ON ALL SIDES, BUT THAT WHEN THESE WERE RELATED TO THE BITTERNESS OF RHODESIAN HISTORY THE OUTCOME SO FAR HAD PROBABLY BEEN AS GOOD AS COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. I SAID THAT OUR VIEW AND THE EXPERIENCE OF THE GOVERNOR AND HIS PEOPLE IN SALISBURY WAS QUITE DIFFERENT; THE VAST PREPONDERANCE OF THE BREACHES HAD COME FROM MUGABE'S PEOPLE AND IT WAS THEIR BEHAVIOUR WHICH HAD NECESSITATED THE USE OF RHODESIAN FORCES.
6. I TOLD MR FRASER THAT I WAS RATHER DISTURBED TO DETECT A DIFFERENCE OF EMPHASIS BETWEEN US ON THE FACTUAL SITUATION. HE KEPT REVERTING FOR INSTANCE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AUXILIARIES, TO THE INCIDENT IN WHICH HE SAID SOME OF MUGABE'S PEOPLE WERE SHOT WHEN COMING IN TO SURRENDER THEIR ARMS, TO IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS BY MUZOREWA, TO AN ALLEGED DECLARATION BY GENERAL WALLS THAT HE WOULD DECLARE WAR ON MUGABE IF MUGABE WON, TO THE BLOWING UP OF CHURCHES BY RHODESIAN TROOPS WHO IN ONE CASE HAD BLOWN THEMSELVES UP IN THE PROCESS, TO THE DROPPING OF ANTI-MUGABE LEAFLETS BY THE RHODESIAN AIR FORCE. HE EVEN SAID THAT IN SOME RESPECTS IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT OUR WORRIES WERE A MIRROR IMAGE OF NYERERE'S. I SAID THAT IF HE CARED TO LET ME HAVE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED WAS THE FACTUAL SITUATION IN THESE RESPECTS, I WOULD TRY TO GET AN AUTHENTIC VIEW ON

SITUATION IN THESE RESPECTS, I WOULD TRY TO GET AN AUTHENTIC VIEW ON IT BECAUSE IT SEEMED A PITY IF OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS DIFFERENT ON MATTERS OF FACT. HE SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO CONSIDER DOING THIS, BUT EMPHASISED THAT HIS MAIN POINT WAS THAT, EVEN IF HE WAS WRONG IN HIS INTERPRETATION OF NYERERE'S BONA FIDES (LAST TWO WORDS UNDERLINED), IT REMAINED TRUE THAT THE POLITICS OF THE SITUATION REQUIRED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE TO ABILITY TO UNDER-CUT NYERERE'S ARGUMENTS.

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