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PRIME MINISTER

Rhodesia

(30/4)

You will wish to see straight away, before you consider policy on Rhodesia, the attached message to you from Bishop Muzorewa. I have asked the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to prepare urgent advice on how you might respond to it, for submission to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary as soon as he is appointed.

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Bishop Muzorewa's letter was delivered to Mr. Ryder by Professor John Hutchinson, who has been very active in promoting his own views on Rhodesia and is not regarded as an entirely responsible or suitable intermediary in matters of this kind. He has asked Mr. Ryder to telephone him tomorrow (before he leaves for Washington) to respond to his suggestion that he should act as a private envoy between you and Bishop Muzorewa. If you agree, Mr. Ryder proposes (and I strongly support his suggestion) that Professor Hutchinson should be told that you would prefer to handle any exchange of messages with Bishop Muzorewa through other channels. Are you content that he should do so?

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The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher,  
House of Commons,  
London SW1,  
UNITED KINGDOM.

My Dear Prime Minister,

Greetings,

May I first extend to you congratulations on your success in the British General Election.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write you at the dawn of a new era for both our countries.

I have entrusted this letter to my friend and envoy Professor John Hutchinson for personal delivery to you. Professor Hutchinson will also convey a direct message from me.

The fate of Zimbabwe Rhodesia rests immediately in your hands.

What you do about our country IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS can bring us the freedom and independence for

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President: Bishop A. T. MUZOREWA

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which we have struggled for many years. Where you lead, others will follow. What you determine, none can undo.

In particular, you can greatly influence and even determine what action the President of the United States will take during the next few weeks on the matter of raising sanctions. If you lead by example, American as well as British sanctions can be brought to an end.

We have met the conditions of the Case-Javits Amendment. We have satisfied the Six Principles. We have removed all the causes of past condemnation. We have earned our right to legality.

We need recognition. More immediately we need an end to sanctions which cause suffering to the majority of our people. Most urgently of all, we need your help in setting the pace and direction of international policy towards us.

Let me earnestly request, therefore, that you announce WITHIN THE WEEK that you find the Rhodesian elections to have been reasonably free and fair; that the Six Principles have been met; that you intend to ask all nations to join Her Majesty's Government in recognising the Government of Zimbabwe Rhodesia; and that you have given instructions for the drafting of legislation to bring the sanctions imposed on our country to an end.

If you make such an announcement soon, no friendly nation will say you nay. You will have shown the world the way on Zimbabwe Rhodesia, and you will have set us free.

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Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher

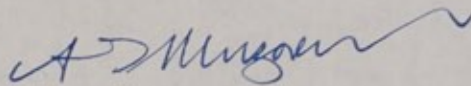
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May I thank you in anticipation of your continued support in helping us to help ourselves and may I wish you every success in your term of office.

Yours very sincerely,



Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa  
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