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TO: PRIME MINISTER MAGARET THATCHER
LONDON

DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS FOR GREAT BRITAIN'S ROLE IN BRINGING ZIMBABWE TO INDEPENDENCE. WE HAVE THE PROFOUND EST ADMIRATION FOR THE SKILLS THAT YOU AND LORD CARRINGTON DEMONSTRATED IN ACHIEVING THIS.

AMERICANS ARE PROUD TO HAVE ABLE TO PLAY A ROLE IN ASSISTING YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ALONG THE ARDUOUS PATH TO INDEPENDENCE. THIS HAS BEEN A TRIUMPH FOR ALL FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLES.

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN AMONG THE FIRST TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ZIMBABWE, AND WE ARE FOLLOWING YOUR LEAD BY ANNOUNCING A SUBSTANTIAL AID PROGRAM FOR THIS NEW NATION IN WHICH WE ALL TAKE SUCH A WARM INTEREST.

ONCE AGAIN, MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENT.

SINCJELY,

JIMMY CARTER

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