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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Dear Bryan,

Do you agree that the Americans may be misled on your talk with Bishop Muzorewa in the terms of the attached draft telegram?

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Rhodesia; Bishop Muzorewa's Visit to London

The Americans gave us an account of Bishop Muzorewa's discussions with President Carter and Mr Vance before the Bishop's arrival in London. They will be concerned to know the outcome of the discussions with the Prime Minister and Lord Carrington. I attach a draft telegram which has been approved by Lord Carrington and which, if the Prime Minister agrees, will be sent to our Embassy in Washington for use with Mr Vance's office. It will be important in carrying the Americans with us to place some emphasis on the need to offer the Patriotic Front an opportunity to participate (though we should not, of course, allow them to dictate the conditions on which they might do so). The telegram is drafted to take account of this point.

Yours ever,  
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FCD informed of PM's comments: will advise draft re. accordingly.

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don't think it does justice to the case Muzorewa put. We've made it quite clear that we are not making any charges to the Patriotic Front. We've made it quite clear that we are not making any charges to the Patriotic Front. We've made it quite clear that we are not making any charges to the Patriotic Front.