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MIPT: RHODESIA

1. AFTER THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, MR MLOKA, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY MFA WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT, SPOKE TO ME. HE STRESSED HOW ANGRY NYERERE WAS, ADDING "I CANNOT TALK TO HIM". HE DREW MY ATTENTION TO WHAT NYERERE HAD SAID ABOUT THE SITUATION BEING WORSE THAN IN 1965 AND SAID THAT HE SAW THIS AS A CLEAR REFERENCE TO TANZANIA'S DECISION AT THAT TIME TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. I ASKED MR MLOKA ABOUT THE PROPOSAL REPORTED IN PARA 1 OF MY TELNO 40. HE CONFIRMED THAT NYERERE WISHED TO GO TO LONDON IN COMPANY WITH OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. BUT HE WOULD GO ALONE IF NECESSARY. I ASKED WHEN, AND HE SAID NEXT WEEK. I PRESUME THERE WILL BE SOME MENTION OF THIS IN THE PROMISED LETTER TO HQ...



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MY TELNO 40: RHODESIA

1. I WAS SUMMONED THIS MORNING 12 JANUARY BY PRESIDENT NYERERE ALONG WITH THE OTHER COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVES

2. NYERERE EXPRESSED HIS SHOCK AND PROTEST AT THE KILLING BY THE RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES ACTING UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY OF A NUMBER OF PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES WHO WERE ON THEIR WAY TO AN ASSEMBLY POINT, AS REPORTED ON THE BBC. THIS WAS MURDER, AND EVEN MORE SHOCKING THAN THE KILLING WAS THE GOVERNOR'S ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY IT. THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN THIS CASE OF A BREACH OF THE CEASEFIRE, AND EVEN IF THERE HAD BEEN, THE GOVERNOR SHOULD USE PEOPLE OF THE SAME PARTY TO DEAL WITH IT. AND WHAT WAS THE MONITORING FORCE DOING WHEN THIS HAPPENED?

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3. NYERERE CONCLUDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO. HE HAD NEVER BELIEVED THAT THE BRITISH WERE GOING TO PRESIDE OVER MORE KILLINGS PERPETRATED BY THE SAME RACIST REBELS. THE SITUATION WAS FAR WORSE THAN IN 1965. THEN WE HAD JUST FAILED TO ACT; NOW WE WERE CONTINUING THE KILLING.

4. I SAID THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD EXPRESSED HIS REGRET AT THESE DEATHS WHICH I KNEW MY GOVERNMENT FULLY SHARED. I EXPLAINED THE REQUIREMENT THAT PF FORCES COMING IN AFTER THE DEADLINE WERE REQUIRED TO GIVE UP THEIR ARMS.

5. NYERERE REPEAT HIS SHOCK AT ATTEMPTS TO JUSTIFY THE KILLING. ADDRESSING PARTICULARLY THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER HE PRESSED AGAIN RHETORICALLY TO KNOW WHAT THE MONITORING FORCE WAS DOING.

6. THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S WISH TO SEE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE HOLDING OF THE ELECTIONS. NYERERE SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT HIS COMPLAINT THAT THE ZANU POLITICAL LEADERSHIP WAS STILL BEING KEPT OUT OF RHODESIA.

HE ALLEGED THAT THE ZANU DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS WAS STILL IN MAPUTO UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO SALISBURY WHEN THERE WERE ELECTION DOCUMENTS WHICH HAD TO BE FILED WITH THE AUTHORITIES ON MONDAY.

6. NYERERE WAS NOT IN A MOOD FOR ANY REASONED DISCUSSION.

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