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16th May, 1979.

My dear Prime Minister.

I am enclosing the Report of the Mission you sent to Zimbabwe/Rhodesia "to observe the elections and to report to the Leader of the Party the circumstances in which they were held."

I need hardly say how delighted we all are to send the report to you at No.10 and how warmly we congratulate you on the triumph of our Party and your own great personal achievement.

This report as you will see is signed by five of the six people whom you asked to go to Rhodesia. John Drinkwater who was one of the six and who travelled and toured with us and attended all our meetings, has already sent a report to you and to the Foreign Secretary. In this he said that he agreed "to undertake this task on a wholly apolitical basis as a holder of judicial office and a member of the Parliamentary Boundary Commission of England" because it seemed to him to be in the public interest that he should do so. I must add that he has been a delightful and helpful friend and colleague.

As you will see our Report is unanimous. We were all honoured by your invitation and greatly enjoyed our task and we hope it will do something to restore happy relations between the United Kingdom and Zimbabwe/Rhodesia.

Yours sincerely,
Boyd

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP.