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PERSONAL MESSAGE

TO IMMEDIATE OTTAWA

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 242 OF 13 AUGUST

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR CLARK, TO REACH HIM NO EARLIER THAN 1930 LOCAL TIME TONIGHT.

BEGINS

DEAR JOE

I AM SURE YOU WERE AS HEARTENED AS I WAS BY THE AGREEMENT THAT WE REACHED AT LUSAKA OVER RHODESIA. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A MOST SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE; AND THAT A NEW BASIS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THAT AGREEMENT WE ARE NOW ISSUING INVITATIONS TO BISHOP MUZOREWA AND THE LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ATTEND A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON TO BEGIN ON 10 SEPTEMBER. THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST STAGE IN A PROCESS WHICH IS BOUND TO BE DELICATE AND DIFFICULT. THE SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES WILL BE OF PARTICULAR HELP OVER THE COMING WEEKS AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOU.

YOUR SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

ENDS.

CARRINGTON

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(MR. FIFOOT)

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PS/MR. LUCE  
PS/MR. RIDLEY  
PS/MR. HURD  
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