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Prime Minister Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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25 June 1979

Dear Bryan,

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Rhodesia: Letter from President Kaunda

Thank you for your letter of 15 June giving an account of the Zambian High Commissioner's call on the Prime Minister.

I enclose a draft reply which the Prime Minister may wish to send in response to President Kaunda's letter of 8 June. The draft takes account of Lord Harlech's meeting with the President on 14 June (Lusaka telegram no 426, copy enclosed). The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary considers it unnecessary to attempt to deal in any detail with President Kaunda's letter. But he thinks we should take the opportunity to express our own view on the changes in Rhodesia, while acknowledging the problems caused by the conflict and emphasising the importance we attach to continuing consultation.

The Prime Minister may wish to be aware that much of the substance of President Kaunda's letter appears to be generally similar to letters he has sent to certain other heads of Government, urging a broadly based solution, the withholding of recognition, and the maintenance of sanctions. (Lusaka telno 406, copy enclosed).

If the Prime Minister agrees, we would propose to send the text of the letter to President Kaunda by telegram to Lusaka for Mr Allinson to hand over. This is the course recommended by Lord Harlech in the telegram reporting his meeting with Kaunda. Mr Allinson would make clear the Prime Minister's preference for a restricted meeting with President Kaunda, with Lord Carrington and a note-taker present on our side.

*Yours ever,
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