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Dear Prime Minister,

On the eve of the return of Rhodesia to legal independence I write to express once again my appreciation of the role which you and your Government played in making this possible.

Only a year ago the prospects for a peaceful transition from the long years of destructive and fratricidal war to legality and reconciliation looked bleak indeed. It is to the credit of your Government and those of other Commonwealth countries that we brought our collective influence to bear on this problem which had long seemed intractable. They have undoubtedly helped to find a solution acceptable to all.

We are encouraged by the initial steps towards national reconciliation and unity which the Government-elect has taken. This gives us confidence that Zimbabwe will evolve into a stable and prosperous nation and become an example of racial harmony in the troubled region of Southern Africa.

May I wish you all the best and continued strength and fortitude.

Yours sincerely,


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