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ZIMBABWE: AIR FORCE OFFICERS

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR MUGABE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
BEGINS

I HAVE LEARNT WITH GREAT PLEASURE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DECISION, FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REVIEW TRIBUNAL, TO RELEASE THE THREE AIR FORCE OFFICERS WHO REMAINED IN DETENTION. COMING AS IT DOES ON THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS, THE NEWS OF THE RELEASES WILL BE ESPECIALLY WELCOME TO THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. I SEND YOU MY OWN GOOD WISHES AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT MEETING AND TO CONTINUING THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THIS IS OF COURSE AN ENTIRELY PRIVATE MESSAGE, AND WE SHALL GIVE IT NO PUBLICITY.

MY BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR
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