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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE**

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 1133<sup>A</sup> OF 21 MARCH 1980

AND TO ROUTINE UKREP BRUSSELS UKMIS NEW YORK AND UKMIS GENEVA.

**SERIAL No.** T61A/80  
Rhodesia Pt 17

MY TELNO 1132.

MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER.

I HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR MUGABE FOR

TRANSMISSION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. TEXT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED HERE  
THIS EVENING:

BEGINS

"I WOULD LIKE ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS  
COUNTRY AS A WHOLE, TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO HER MAJESTY'S  
GOVERNMENT FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF  
RHODESIAN DOLLARS 10 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF RECONSTRUCTION  
IN ZIMBABWE, AND THE PLEDGE OF FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL AID OVER THE  
NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS.

"MY GOVERNMENT IS FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE ENORMOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS  
WE FACE IN THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG TERM FUTURE. YOU MAY BE ASSURED  
THAT WE SHALL APPLY OURSELVES DILLIGENTLY TO THE URGENT NEED  
TO STABILISE THIS COUNTRY AND TO WORK TOWARDS ITS DEVELOPMENT AND  
CONTINUED RECONSTRUCTION.

"THE TASK WILL BE MADE THAT MUCH EASIER BY THE GIFT AND PLEDGE  
YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO US, WHICH AT THE SAME TIME, WILL HAVE GIVEN  
MOMENTUM TO THE INTERNATIONAL APPEAL LAUNCHED BY THE BRITISH  
GOVERNMENT FOR SIMILAR ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES."

ENDS.

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