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CHGM, Lusaka

I am sure you agree with me that all the administrative arrangements for the Conference in Lusaka were very much better than we had expected and that, indeed, they compared very favourably with those for meetings in much more sophisticated capitals. This was partly due to the fact that, as our High Commissioner correctly forecast, the Zambians themselves spared no effort to give us the best possible impression of their country: but the success of the arrangements so far as our delegation was concerned also owed a very great deal to the hard work which had been done in advance of and during the Conference by Miss Metcalfe and her colleagues in the Conference Section, as well as by the administrative staff of our High Commission. Every contingency was well provided for and, although not much could be done to mitigate the rigours of Mulungushi Village itself, the rest of our team were extremely well looked after.

Please let Miss Metcalfe and her colleagues know how much I appreciated their efforts and their important contribution to the success of the meeting.

Margaret Thatcher

14 August 1979