

RESTRICTED

CC(79)98

COPY NO: 89

FORTY-FIRST PLENARY SESSION

CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

LANCASTER HOUSE

LONDON

Summary of the proceedings of the Forty-First
Plenary Session of the Conference, Thursday
6 December 1979.

Lancaster House
6 December 1979

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

PRESENT:

UK Delegation

Sir A Duff

Mr D M Day

Gen M Farndale

Mr R W Renwick

Mr N M Fenn

Mr R Jackling

Col C Dunphie

Mr P J Barlow

Mr B Watkins

Mrs A J Phillips

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

Mr Mugabe, Mr Nkomo and Delegation

Mr R G Mugabe

Mr J M Nkomo

Mr E Tekere

Mr J Chinamano

Gen J Tongogara

Mr J Msika

Dr H Ushewokunze

Mr A M Chambati

Mr E Zvobgo

Mr W Musarurwa

Mr J Tungamirai

Mr D Dabengwa

Mr W Kamba

Mr R Austin

Mr L Mufela

Miss E Siziba

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

Bishop Muzorewa and Delegation

Dr S C Mundawarara

AVM H Hawkins

Mr D Zamchiya

Gen P Walls

Mr P Allum

Mr K Flower

Mr P Claypole

Mr A R MacMillan

Secretariat

Mr J M Willson

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

The session commenced at 15.10.

THE CHAIRMAN said that they had now reached the stage of discussion of the details of the practical implementation of the ceasefire proposals. He would shortly ask General Farndale to amplify some of the ideas already set out and accepted. Before doing so, he wished to remind the delegates of what Lord Carrington had said at that morning's session - that he hoped it would be possible for delegations to give preliminary warning to their forces that they would expect to be implementing a ceasefire very shortly.

One of the basic elements of the discussions would be the numbers involved on each side. He asked whether delegations could now let him know the numbers involved, so that they could be in people's minds when they discussed implementation.

MR NKOMO said that, before numbers were discussed, much more information was needed, especially from their Salisbury friends. He said that when the Rhodesian army was mentioned his delegation was not certain what was meant. There were a number of components: the various groups of the regular army; the territorial army; the air force; the auxiliaries; the Pfumo Re Vanhu and the Ziso Re Vanhu; the Grey Scouts and Selous Scouts; and the Police, because when one spoke of joint operations one meant the police, army and air force. Within the police there were para-military groups. It had been said in earlier
/meetings