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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER  
DEAR MR PRESIDENT

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE ABOUT RHODESIA,  
WHICH I RECEIVED IN LUSAKA. I AM VERY GLAD THAT YOU THINK  
THE WORK WE DID THERE WAS VALUABLE. WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE  
ATTITUDES WE ENCOUNTERED AMONGST OUR COMMONWEALTH COLLEAGUES,  
AND BY THE OUTCOME WHICH WE BELIEVE DOES REPRESENT A  
CONSTRUCTIVE STEP FORWARD.

WE ARE NOW GOING AHEAD, ON THE BASIS OF THE AGREEMENT  
REACHED IN LUSAKA, TO INVITE THE LEADERS OF THE SALISBURY  
ADMINISTRATION AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO COME TO A  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, TO OPEN AT LANCASTER HOUSE IN LONDON  
ON 10 SEPTEMBER. WE SHALL BE MAKING AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT  
1230 LONDON TIME TOMORROW 14 AUGUST. I AM ARRANGING FOR FULL  
DETAILS TO BE SENT TO OUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SO THAT THEY  
CAN BRIEF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THERE ARE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS  
AHEAD, BUT WE SHALL WORK HARD FOR SUCCESS. IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE  
IT, WE SHALL INDEED NEED THE CLOSE AND DETAILED CONSULTATION  
WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT YOU SUGGEST.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

YOURS SINCERELY,  
MARGARET THATCHER

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