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① I thought - there was a change in Dept. Gov. Lord Soames H.C. with a note out like 2 more months into November 1979 - heavy involvement in the process. really ~~not~~ out 27/11

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Dear Jim,

Rhodesia

As you know, we have been preparing draft announcements of the appointment of the Governor, his Deputy, and key members of his team who are likely to be in the public eye. I enclose a draft with which the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary is content. We should be grateful to know as soon as possible if the Lord President approves it. The timing of the announcement of course will have to be decided in the light of progress at Lancaster House.

As you will see, we have taken into account Lord Soames's wish that his role in Europe should be properly covered and the form of words you suggested has been included in paragraph 3. We have not felt able to include a specific reference to logistics and transport since to do so would overburden the announcement with detail. However, I can assure you that we and the Ministry of Defence are fully aware of the importance of adequate logistic support for all those who are in Rhodesia in connection with the elections or the monitoring of the ceasefire. We shall be working jointly to ensure that all the necessary arrangements have been made.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Michael Alexander at No 10 Downing Street.

yours ever
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