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From the Private Secretary

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Message from President Nyerere

As you know, the Tanzanian High Commissioner, Mr. Nsekela, called this afternoon to deliver the signed copy of a message to the Prime Minister from President Nyerere. I enclose the text. As you will see it is a message received by telegram some time ago.

In handing over the message Mr. Nsekela said that President Nyerere was concerned about breaches of the Lancaster House agreement. He regarded the Governor's failure to confine the Rhodesian Security Forces and the auxiliaries to their barracks as a very serious breach. The Prime Minister said that the British Government were also concerned that the Lancaster House agreement should be observed. However, the real source of anxiety was the scale of intimidation being practised by Mr. Mugabe's party. The West of Rhodesia was clear of intimidation and all parties could campaign. The East of the country, on the other hand, was by now almost completely intimidated. It was impossible for parties other than ZANU(PF) to campaign there. In a recent 24 hour period, there had been 16 serious cases of intimidation. Several thousand ZANLA guerillas were still outside the Assembly areas.

The Prime Minister said it was essential that President Nyerere and other leading figures in the OAU should not give the impression that they were backing intimidation. Mr. Nkomo's behaviour had been perfect. President Nyerere should be encouraging the ZANU(PF) to behave likewise. The Prime Minister asked Mr. Nsekela to ensure that President Nyerere received her message that intimidation in Rhodesia must cease. Mr. Nsekela said that he would do so.

The meeting lasted about eight minutes in all.

In discussion as I showed him out, Mr. Nsekela made little attempt to dispute my contention that the real threat to the electoral process came from ZANU(PF). However, he argued repeatedly that President Nyerere would not and could not bring public pressure to bear on Mr. Mugabe until the Governor took

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public action to confine the auxiliaries to their barracks.
I made the obvious points but to no avail.

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