

Memo to Paul  
From Chris C.

Date: July 10, 1979  
Re: Muzorewa meeting

STATEMENT:

1. Your close affiliation here with Senator Helms and other opponents of civil rights does great damage to your credibility here as an independent black African leader of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.
2. You must understand that I harbor no animosities toward you as a person or as a leader. In fact, I would be very pleased to see you as Prime Minister of a popularly elected, internationally recognized, government of Zimbabwe. I regret that your government does not represent genuine majority rule. I think that if it did, you would be able to end the war and emerge as the popular leader of Zimbabwe.
3. Under what conditions would I change my position on sanctions and recognition?

First, I must emphasize that I am not wedded to sanctions and non-recognition. If conditions change significantly, I will change my position.

My primary concern is to avoid U.S. entanglement in another Third World Civil War. In the case of Zimbabwe, I am determined to prevent American involvement on the side of minority rule in Southern Africa. As long as the present government of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia responds to white minority interests at the expense of the black majority, then my position will remain unchanged.

If significant changes are forthcoming, you will have my full support. Those changes are:

- 1) a redrafting of the constitution to eliminate the domination of minority interests.
- 2) A broadening of political participation to include those now excluded from the government.
- 3) A cease fire.
- 4) A referendum on the new constitution, and popular elections supervised by the U.N. or by the British.

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you intend to continue military attacks on neighboring states?
2. Under what circumstances will you share power with the Patriotic Front or its component parties?

3. Do you feel that an accomodation could be achieved more readily with one of the Patriotic Front leaders rather than both?
4. Will you seek and accept expanded South African aid in the near future?
5. Has the loss of your majority in Parliament affected your capability to govern the country?
6. What is your feeling about Ian Smith's participation in the government?
7. Do you feel that you could defeat Mr. Mugabe and Mr. Nkomo in a fair election?
8. What is your evaluation of the war at the present time?
9. What measures are you taking to end the war?