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TO: PT
FROM: CHRIS C.

RE: BACKGROUND FOR LUNCHEON WITH PRIME MINISTER MUGABE

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS:

1. We understand that there are upwards of 30,000 guerillas still residing at government assembly points. How soon do you expect to integrate the guerillas into the Zimbabwe regular army? Do those guerillas still at the assembly points represent a threat to your government or to local security?
2. General Walls was responsible for the military integration program before he retired. Have you chosen a successor to General Walls and if not, will you call upon a British officer to oversee the re-integration of your armed forces?
3. General Walls was accused by your Minister of State of plotting a post election coup in the event that you were the victor. Walls allegedly spoke of the aborted plan in a recent BBC interview. Do you believe Walls was involved and if so do you intend to bring charges against him?
4. We hear frequent reports of "armed gangs" and of those supporting defeated candidates roaming the countryside harrassing and stealing from citizens. How serious is this problem and does it reflect a deeper political problem, particularly in regard to Mr. Nkomo?
5. What has happened to Bishop Muzorewa - we hear very little about his political activities?
6. Does your government intend to rename the capital city?
7. What is the current status of the Tekere case? Is this the crucial test of your impartiality and even-handedness which the Western press is presenting it as?
8. Your public statement on Sunday regarding the question of a one-party state for Zimbabwe was ambiguous. Do you believe that a noisy democracy is appropriate to a war ravaged Zimbabwe?
9. A number of trade and investment delegations have visited Zimbabwe since the elections. Do you still favor new Western investment in your country and if so, are investors coming to your country in any numbers?
10. Those African nations which have large resident white populations seem to be openly and strongly free enterprise, capitalist states. I am thinking of Kenya and Ivory Coast. Do you see Zimbabwe in the future as capitalist with a large white population or will Zimbabwe set its own pattern?

11. The United States and Somalia have reached agreement on access to facilities, both sea and air, in Berbera, Somalia. Do you or your government have an opinion on this arrangement?

12. I recently hosted a group of South African businessmen at an informal discussion with some of my Senate colleagues. While I differed with many of these South Africans on political issues, we all agreed that the U.S. should supply Zimbabwe with economic assistance. The South Africans were quite supportive of you and your government.

One reads of a new pattern of government changes in South Africa. P.M. Botha seems headed toward a more authoritarian form of government. Many observers believe that these shifts toward authoritarianism are a prelude to fundamental changes in apartheid, shoved down the throats of a powerless electorate, or so the theory goes.

What are your expectations from S.A.? Are the winds of change (labor unrest, civil protest, and armed struggle) strong enough now to force significant concessions from the government?

How firm is your decision to refuse guerilla sanctuary to the ANC?

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE UPDATE

1. The conference on the FY 1981 Foreign Assistance Bill has not been scheduled. SFR staff reports that they are shooting for mid September. The issue holding up the conference is still the inclusion of an unacceptable version of the House intelligence bill as part of the Foreign Assistance bill.

2. There is almost no hope that the House will pass the Foreign Assistance Appropriation before the end of this session. It will be taken up in November, hopefully, during the lame duck session. A continuing resolution will fund our foreign assistance program at FY 79 levels for the second year in a row.

3. Because reprogramming requests have funded FY80 levels for Zimbabwe, the full 50 million for the year will be obligated, but probably not disbursed as quickly.

4. For FY81, plans call for about 25 to 30 million in ESF plus 25 million in Housing Investment Guarantees. This request will not necessarily be derailed by the Congressional impasse on the Appropriation bill.