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ITEM : INTERVIEW WITH LORD CARRINGTON ON RHODESIA.

FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM THE TEXT ON RHODESIA FROM MICHAEL CHARLTON INTERVIEW WITH LORD CARRINGTON RECORDED TODAY EIGHTH JUNE NINETEEN SEVENTYNINE FOR THE BBC TWO TV PROGRAMME ON THE RECORD TO BE SCREENED TOMORROW (NINE JUNE) AT TWENTYTWO FIFTEEN HOURS BST.

PLEASE NOTE EMBARGO.

QUESTION. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SAID, THAT HE FINDS CONTRARY TO YOUR OWN SURVEY TEAM THAT YOU SENT OUT THERE. BOYD REPORTS THAT THE ELECTIONS IN RHODESIA WERE FREE AND FAIR, PRESIDENT CARTER APPEARS TO HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THEY WERE NOT FREE AND FAIR.

LORD CARRINGTON. IF YOU LOOK AT THE CASE JAVITTS AMENDMENTS, THE PRESIDENT HAD OF COURSE GOT TO MAKE HIS DETERMINATION ACCORDING TO CERTAIN STRINGENT CONDITIONS. IF YOU READ WHAT HE SAYS IT IS QUITE INTERESTING:.. IT ISNT QUITE AS BROAD AS YOU SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE ELECTION WAS REASONABLY FAIR: HE ALSO SAID THAT REMARKABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN RHODESIA. I THINK WHAT HE IS SEEKING TO DO IS TO BUILD ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND THIS I FIND VERY ENCOURAGING, IF YOU READ WHAT HE SAYS, HE IS GOING TO REPORT EVERY MONTH TO CONGRESS ON HOW THINGS ARE GOING AND THIS IN A SENSE IS OUR POLICY TOO. ALTHOUGH WE THINK THAT THE ELECTIONS WERE FAIR IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES ABOUT INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND THIS IS WHY I HAVE ASKED LORD HARLECH TO GO ROUND THE FRONT LINE STATES AND OTHER PLACES AND SEE WHETHER THERE IS SOME OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE PARTIES TOGETHER, AND THIS IS WHY DEREK DAY IS IN RHODESIA, BECAUSE HE CAN ALSO ADVISE THE BISHOP ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE FRONT LINE STATES. SO I DONT THINK OUR POLICIES ARE SO FAR APART FROM THE AMERICANS.

QUESTION. BUT IS IS SINGULAR THAT THE PRESIDENT MADE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT ALONE: THESE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE JOINTLY IN THE PAST, CAN WE SEE IN THAT FACT THAT YOU ARE FINDING IT HARD TO GET THE AMERICANS TO GO ALONG WITH YOU, AS YOU PLAINLY SEEM TO BE GOING IN A STEP BY STEP PROCESS TOWARDS RECOGNITION OF MUZOREWA.

LORD CARRINGTON. NO I THINK YOU MISUNDERSTAND, THAT THE PRESIDENT IS MAKING A LEGAL, JUDICIAL DETERMINATION WHICH HE HAS TO DO WHICH IS A NATIONAL THING, WE COULD, T BE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT, THIS WAS ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION. MR VANCE WAS OVER HERE A FORTNIGHT AGO AND WE HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS ABOUT RHODESIA AND HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO SAY THAT HE THOUGHT WE WERE REALLY PROCEEDING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SO THERE IS NOT MUCH BETWEEN US.

Q. BUT YOU DO WISH TO RECOGNISE THE MUZOREWA GOVERNMENT BY STAGES, IS THAT HOW YOU SEE IT ?

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LORD CARRINGTON. WHAT I SAID WAS THAT WE THINK THAT THE ELECTION WAS FREE AND FAIR, WE THINK THAT THE OTHER PRINCIPLES WHICH WE HAVE ASKED THE RHODESIANS TO SATISFY HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BUT WE RECOGNISE THAT INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION IS VERY IMPORTANT AND THEREFORE IF WE CAN FIND A WAY IN WHICH YOU CAN RECONCILE THE TWO PARTIES AND BUILD ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN RHODESIA. THIS IS ONE OF THE RIGHT WAYS TO DO IT.

Q. WHAT IS ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS YOU THINK MIGHT BE TAKEN TO BUILD ON THAT. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THE SPAN OF THE PRESENT VETO TO CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH IS TEN YEARS, MIGHT BE REDUCED. DO YOU THINK THAT THAT IS A CONCESSION THAT THE BISHOP OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IN ORDER TO GET RECOGNITION ?

LORD CARRINGTON. I THINK YOU HAVE TO EXPLORE THAT WITH THE BISHOP AND THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS OF MR MUGABE AND MR NIKOMO. IF MR MUGABE AND MR NIKOMO ARE NOT PREPARED EVEN TO CONSIDER BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN LAID BY THE ELECTION AND BY BISHOP MUZOREWA, THEN OF COURSE IT IS GOING TO BE VERY MUCH MORE DIFFICULT IN FINDING A SOLUTION.

Q. I MENTIONED EARLIER MANY PEOPLE FIND IT HARD TO DISBELIEVE THAT THE FACT THAT NIGERIA IS NOW THE SECOND BIGGEST EXPORTER OF CRUDE OIL TO THE UNITED STATES MAY IT NOT HAVE HAD SOME INFLUENCE ON THE PRESIDENT IN COMING TO THE CONCLUSION THAT HE HAS. WOULD YOU THINK THAT WAS ... ? LET ME ASK YOU, AND THERE IS SOME ELOGUENCE IN REPLYING, THE ACTION THAT NIGERIA MIGHT TAKE OVER THE COMMONWEALTH, NOT OVER OIL, IS IN FACT SOMETHING THAT PLACES OUR WHOLE APPROACH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IS SOMETHING WHICH HAS A VETO IN WHAT WE MIGHT LIKE TO DO.

LORD CARRINGTON. WELL OF COURSE NOT. WHAT ONE DOES AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH IS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF WHAT ONES FRIENDS AND PARTNERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH HAVE TO SAY, AND YOU CONSULT THEM AND YOU TALK TO THEM BUT NO MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH CAN HAVE A VETO ON WHAT WE DECIDE TO DO. CERTAINLY IF WE DECIDE ON A CERTAIN COURSE OF ACTION BECAUSE WE THINK IT IS THE MORAL AND RIGHT THING TO DO WE GO AHEAD AND DO IT BUT AFTER THE MOST PAINSTAKING AND LONG NEGOTIATIONS TO TRY TO GET A SETTLEMENT, NONE OF THESE THINGS WE NEED TO DECIDE UPON AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE LORD HARLECH HASNT EVEN STARTED HIS INVESTIGATIONS, AND I HOPE WE CAN GET A SETTLEMENT.

Q. HOW DO YOU SEE THIS LUSAKA CONFERENCE, THE RUN UP TO IT AND WHAT WOULD YOU HOPE WOULD BE THE RESULT OF IT ?

LORD CARRINGTON. I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT IT WILL NOT CONCERN ITSELF WHOLLY WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA, ALTHOUGH IT IS OBVIOUS THAT RHODESIA MUST PLAY A VERY LARGE PART, IT IS ALSO OBVIOUS THAT NAMIBIA WHICH WE HAVENT TALKED ABOUT AT ALL, WHICH IN A SENSE IS EQUALLY VERY IMPORTANT, MUST PLAY A VERY LARGE PART. BUT THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES. FOR EXAMPLE THERE IS THE ISSUE OF THE VIETNAM REFUGEES AND WHAT THE CIVILISED WORLD IS GOING TO DO ABOUT THEM. THERE ARE MANY OTHER ISSUES, SO I HOPE WE SHANT CONCENTRATE WHOLLY ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, CERTAINLY I SHALL DO MY BEST TO RAISE SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES.

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