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AND TO ROUTINE HARARE, LUSAKA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, LAGOS
REPEATED SAVING LUANDA, GABORONE, CAPE TOWN, PRETORIA, WASHINGTON,
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YOUR TELNO 191 OF 7 JUNE TO HARARE: VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME
MINISTER TO UK

1. I DELIVERED THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MACHEL LAST NIGHT, BEING RECEIVED SOON AFTER HIS RETURN FROM A VISIT OUTSIDE MAPUTO.
2. MACHEL EXPRESSED DEEP SATISFACTION WITH IT AND ALSO THAT OF 18 MAY CONTAINED IN YOUR TELNO 159, WHICH I HAD DELIVERED IN HIS ABSENCE UP-COUNTRY THROUGH MINISTER VELOSO OF THE PRESIDENCY. HE SAID HE HAD WANTED TO CALL ME IN WHEN HE HAD READ THE EARLIER MESSAGE AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY POINTS I HAD MADE THEN TO VELOSO TO UNDERLINE HIS APPRECIATION OF THIS COURTEOUS AND TO THE POINT RESPONSE TO HIS OWN CONCERNS OVER SOUTH AFRICA, BUT HE HAD BEEN SO FULLY IN AGREEMENT ON ALL GROUNDS THAT HE WOULD HAVE HAD NOTHING NEW TO SAY. THE PORTUGUESE PROVERB QUOTE HE WHO KEEPS QUIET AGREES UNQUOTE SUMMED IT ALL UP. SINCE THEN HE HAD READ THE PRESS REPORTS OF MR BOTHA'S VISIT TO LONDON AND COULD SEE HOW THE PRIME MINISTER HAD FULFILLED JUST WHAT SHE HAD SET OUT TO DO. HE HAD TOLD OLIVER TAMBO THE DAY BEFORE THAT HE AGREED WITH THE BRITISH DECISION TO SPEAK TO MR BOTHA. BRITAIN HAD INFLUENCE TO BE USED WITH SOUTH AFRICA. IT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT STAGE IN MR BOTHA'S TOUR WHERE THE MESSAGE HE HAD HOPED WOULD BE PUT ACROSS WOULD COUNT.
3. NOW HE FOUND HIMSELF IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE LATEST MESSAGE TOO. HE HAD TAKEN PARTICULAR NOTE THAT, JUST AS WE HAD BEEN THE ONLY ONE OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES TO SHOW TO HIM THEIR RESPONSE TO HIS DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR BEFORE MR BOTHA'S JOURNEY, SO BRITAIN WAS THE FIRST TO SHARE IN CONFIDENCE THE OUTCOME WITH HIM.
4. THROUGHOUT MY READING OF THE MESSAGE, MACHEL NODDED OR EXPRESSED ASSENT. IN DISCUSSION HE PICKED OUT FOR SPECIAL ENDORSEMENT HIS SATISFACTION THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD SPOKEN TO BOTHA ABOUT MANDELA WHERE PROGRESS WAS IMPORTANT TO RELEASE THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN WHICH, AS I KNEW, HE ACCEPTED THAT ALL RACES IN SOUTH AFRICA HAD A PART TO PLAY. THEY WERE ALL AFRICANS. BRITAIN WITH THE ONE POINT EIGHT MILLION IN THE REPUBLIC OF BRITISH DESCENT, LIKE PORTUGAL WITH HER SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND OR SO THERE, STILL HAD A ROLE TO PLAY IN PROMOTING DEMOCRACY THERE. MOZAMBIQUE AND BRITAIN SHOULD

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COORDINATE A COMMON STRATEGY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUING TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH AND WITH PORTUGAL TOO. HE HAD SENT HIS OWN PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PORTUGAL TO KEEP HIM IN TOUCH WITH MARIO SOARES DURING MR BOTHA'S VISIT THERE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED ALSO THE REFERENCE TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BUT GRACEFULLY DID NOT PRESS ME ON THIS OR ON MR BOTHA'S PARTICULAR RESPONSES.

5. I COMMENTED THAT SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAD EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO OUR RECEIVING MR BOTHA, MACHEL DISMISSED THIS AS MERE SPEECH FROM THE TRIBUNE. HE SIDESTEPED MY QUESTIONS ON HOW HE SAW DEVELOPMENTS IN NAMIBIA AND ANGOLA UNFOLDING.

6. COMMENT. MACHEL DISPLAYED NO DOUBTS AT ALL ABOUT THE RIGHTNESS OF HIS POLICY OF OPENING UP SOUTH AFRICA BY DIALOGUE. HE IS SAID TO HAVE COMMENTED AS LONG AGO AS EARLY 1983 THAT HE MUST SOLVE THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM FOR AFRICA. IF HE CAN BRING MOZAMBIQUE INTERNALLY INTO SAFER HARBOUR, HE IS AMBITIOUS TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS THE NATURAL LEADER OF SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA AFTER NYERERE AND KUANDA FADE. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THESE EXCHANGES OVER MR BOTHA'S VISIT HAVE NOT ONLY GIVEN HIM SINCERE PLEASURE AND FURTHER RESPECT FOR OUR DIPLOMACY, BUT ALSO CONFIDENCE IN OUR SUPPORT IN HIS STILL LONELY PATH TOWARDS PRAGMATIC POLICIES TOWARDS THE REGIONS PROBLEMS. COORDINATION WITH US IS TOO MUCH TO ASK, BUT HE IS OPEN TO CONTINUING DIALOGUE. I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO TAKE HIM INTO OUR CONFIDENCE.

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