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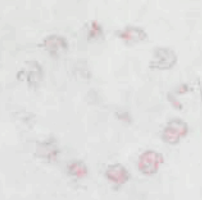
RHODESIA: SENATOR HELMS' STAFF

1. Mr Lake telephoned me from Washington this morning to say that he was very sorry for yesterday's events and that Mr Vance was now perfectly happy. The State Department spokesman would if necessary have to say something on the lines we had agreed and he hoped that we would let that rest.
2. I said that of course we would. But there were two points I thought I should make:
 - a. it would be impossible to give full daily confidential briefings to the US Embassy if contents of the telegrams were subsequently leaked by the State Department to the press and attributed directly to us;
 - b. I was even more concerned about the mis-reporting than about the leak.
3. Mr Lake said that they would "pull out all stops" to ensure that nothing of this kind ever happened again. He added that, once we had worked out our ideas on the pre-independence arrangements he would like himself to come to London to be briefed by us, probably with Mr Moose.

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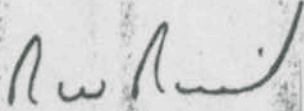
Mr. Walden

RHODESIA: US SENATE

1. I agreed with Mr Lake and Mr Moose the following press guidance for use if necessary by the State Department spokesman today:

"An FCO official discussed with a US Embassy official on 19 September the progress being made towards agreement on the Constitution at the Rhodesia Conference. In the course of that discussion he indicated that some members of the Salisbury delegation might be more reluctant to accept the changes which would render an agreement possible because they believed they had assurances [from Senate staffers] that the Senate would move to lift sanctions by 1 October."

2. This is an accurate account of this part of the daily background briefing to Mr Lanpher - except for the phrase in square brackets. It was the US Embassy who raised and expressed indignation about Mr Carbaugh and Mr Lucier: their activities were not our affair. Mr Lake said that he realised the report was inaccurate. But Mr Vance would be relieved that we had found a way to help him. He was worried because the vote in Congress might be very close and he did not want to have Congress under-cutting our efforts. I told Mr Lake how matters now stood in the Conference: we hoped that we were on the way to an agreement which would enable both of us to lift sanctions.


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