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MY TELNO QTR UND YOUR TELNO 0(7 : NATABELELAND.

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW REPORTS OF ATROCITIES FOR SOME DAYS NOW, AND IT MAY BE THAT THE 5TH BRIGADE HAVE INDEED BEEN REINED IN.

2. GENERAL SHORTIS HAS REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH MUGABE, BUT HAS BEEN TOLD THIS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL NEXT WEEK BECAUSE MUGABE HAS BEEN OUT OF TOWN FOR A FEW DAYS AND HAS A SUBSTANTIAL BACKLOG.

E. MEANWHILE THE CZECH EMBASSY HAVE PRIVATELY INDICATED THAT THEY WERE MISREPRESENTED IN YESTERDAY'S HERALD, AND JOURNALISTS HERE ARE CONVINCED THAT NKOMO WAS IN FACT BOOKED ON TO PRAGUE FROM JOHANNESBURG AND THAT HE WAS EXPECTED AT A WPC MEETING IN PRAGUE.

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