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SUBJECT: CLOSURE U.S. CONGEN SALISBURY

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT 12:30 P.M. MARCH 9:
2. QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED TO CLOSE THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN SALISBURY, SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

ON MARCH 2, 1970, THE RHODESIAN REGIME IMPLEMENTED A NEW CONSTITUTION AND A RHODESIAN PRESIDENT IS SUBSTITUTED FOR THE BRITISH CROWN AS HEAD OF STATE. THIS CONSTITUTES THE FINAL AND FORMAL BREAK WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE UNITED STATES HAS REGARDED AND CONTINUES TO REGARD THE UNITED KINGDOM AS THE LAWFUL SOVEREIGN.

IN THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR CONSUL IN SALISBURY TO BEGIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLOSING AS OF MARCH 17 AND FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE STAFF.

WE HAVE GIVEN PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE WAYS IN WHICH THE NEED OF AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR CONSULAR AND RELATED SERVICES CAN BE MET IN THE FUTURE. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO HAVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR AMERICANS TO HAVE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE ON-THE-SPOT ASSISTANCE, IN ADDITION TO CONSULAR SERVICES WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED AT AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE

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