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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

FROM: Stephen Low *SL*

SUBJECT: Meeting with Siteke Gibson Mwale, Foreign Minister of Zambia, on Wednesday, August 4, 1976 at 3:00 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Foreign Minister Mwale
Fidelius F. Bwalya, Charge d'Affaires of Zambia
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Stephen Low, Ambassador-designate to Zambia

The President: (Referring to Mr. Low) We are glad to be able to send him to you. He is going to an important part of the world.

Mwale: We will give him every support. In the past we worked closely with Ambassador Good and Ambassador Wilkowski. It is a difficult area of the world. We know that cooperation from you will permit us all to hope for peace. I bring fraternal greetings from President Kaunda who asked me to convey his expression of good wishes.

The President: Thank you very much. I remember seeing and talking with him when he was here in April. We are hopeful that there is now an opportunity for real progress in your part of the world. We are fortunate in having you as Foreign Minister. You have an understanding of the ramifications of the problems and the need for progress on these problems which have festered for all too long.

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Mwale: Thank you. I come here in another capacity too. I was Ambassador immediately before you took office. As a matter of fact, I was the last Ambassador to present credentials to President Nixon. I returned to Zambia last May because I am a member of the National Council and there was a meeting of it in Lusaka. At that time President Kaunda appointed me to be Minister of Foreign Affairs. Since then I have been moving back and forth. Before I left Washington, however, I wanted to take my leave of you and express my personal thanks and appreciation for all the help I received while I was here.

The President: You will be missed. Has your successor been named?

Mwale: Not yet because I am the one to do it and I have not had time.

The President: You are good enough to handle both jobs at the same time? (laughter)

Mwale: We attach great importance to this post for obvious reasons. Not only do we realize that the United States is a superpower, but we have very good bilateral relations.

The President: Yes, we do.

Mwale: It makes it imperative that we have someone here soon. In the meantime, Mr. Bwalya will be holding the fort.

The President: We will be glad to work with him, but you will be missed, and we look forward to your replacement. We appreciate that you are moving into an important post at a critical time. The Secretary of State and I will cooperate in trying to move forward in areas needing immediate and constructive settlement. The Secretary made an important speech and he has my full backing in this. He made another one in Boston last night.

Mwale: Yes, he told me about his speech in Boston. It is in keeping with the important speech he made in Lusaka. We were pleased with that speech. It was a turning point. I am sure the Secretary of State informed you that immediately after the speech President Kaunda went to him and hugged him as an expression of total support. We know that it is not an easy position to take and that you need the

backing of the American people and the Congress. We are watching the situation carefully. In the Congress there are a number of people like Dick Clark who appreciate your stand. But we know it is not an easy area. Southern Africa presents real difficulties. As you know, during the last two years President Kaunda and his colleagues have worked hard to find a peaceful solution. Unfortunately, Smith did not see the light. He has continued to kill time and use delaying tactics.

The President: We know that time is of the essence. The overwhelming majority, though not all, of the American people support our policy with reference to southern Africa. We are ready to move. We hope to work with Britain and other parties in that part of the world to get the momentum going, and not kill time. We want to stop the killing and bring a long-range peaceful solution. Any plan moving in that direction will have our full support.

Mwale: I will convey that to President Kaunda. I wish you the best of luck. We will be rooting for you. The maintenance of continuity is important at this crucial time. We wish you good fortune.

The President: Thank you Mr. Minister and again, good luck to you. We will miss you.

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