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THE PRIME MINISTER

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My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your message about the tour of the South African Rugby team.

I can assure you that the British Government remains fully committed to the Gleneagles Agreement. We have made it clear in public, and to the organisers of the private tour by the Barbarians Rugby Club from South Africa, that the Government did not wish the tour to take place. The Government are not providing financial or other support for the tour. However, the sporting bodies concerned are not under Government control and I regret that, notwithstanding the representations which we have made to them, the rugby unions have gone ahead with the tour.

Yours sincerely,  
Raymond Douglas

The Honourable Michael Manley, M.P.

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