

PRIME MINISTER'S

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Dear Prime Minister,

I have today received the following message by telex from my Prime Minister with a request that it be forwarded to you:

"I am greatly concerned to learn that tour of Britain by South African Rugby Team is scheduled to take place as planned. This would be a grave setback to principles agreed at Gleneagles and to the efforts of the international community to end apartheid. With your Government's stated position against apartheid, I sincerely hope that as in the instances of France and Ireland, steps can be taken to ensure that the proposed tour does not take place."

Yours sincerely,

Ernest G Peart

High Commissioner

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP Prime Minister 10 Downing Street London SW1