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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 October, 1980.

Dear Dr. Waldheim,

Thank you for your letter of 16 October about the Namibia negotiations.

I entirely share your views on the importance of the current mission by your officials to South Africa. The Five had already instructed their Ambassadors in Pretoria to address the South African Government in strong support of your endeavours.

From their frequent contacts with us, and with the Governments of the Five, the South African Government cannot fail to be aware of the need for progress and the dangers that would arise from the lack of it. It is my sincere hope that the close collaboration between the Five, the parties to the negotiations, the Front Line States and the United Nations will soon lead to a ceasefire, followed by elections under United Nations supervision and control, and the independence of Namibia. You may rest assured that the British Government, in concert with the other Governments of the Five and with yourself, will continue to make strenuous efforts to that end.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim, GCMG.

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