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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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HER EXCELLENCY  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MARGRET TACHER, MP,  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
LONDON

YOUR EXCELLENCY,  
IT IS WITH DEEP CONCERN AND REGRET THAT I HAVE LEARNT THE  
IMPEDING VISIT OF MR. PIETER BOTHA TO YOUR GREAT COUNTRY LATER  
THIS YEAR.

MR. BOTHA HEADS A REGIME WHICH, THROUGH THE OBNOXIOUS  
POLICY OF APARTHEID, DEPRIVES THE VAST MAJORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S  
POPULATION OF ITS BASIC DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND, INDEED, CONDEMNS  
IT TO A LIFE OF PERMANENT SLAVERY AND UNDIGNIFIED EXISTENCE. BY  
SUBJECTING ITS AFRICAN POPULATION TO BRUTAL OPPRESSION AND MERCILESS  
EXPLOITATION? THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SHOWN A CALLOUS AND CRIMINAL  
DISREGARD FOR BASIC HUMAN VALUES AND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS.

MR. BOTHA'S VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY IS, NO DOUBT, DESIGNED TO  
ADVANCE HIS IGNOMINIOUS AND TOTALLY DISCREDITED POLICY OF APARTEID  
THAT POLICY HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY AND CONSISTENTLY CONDEMNED BY THE  
UNITED NATIONS, THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE NON-ALIGNED  
MOVEMENT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

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FURTHERMORE, APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA'S INCARCERATION OF THOUSANDS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS; THE ABUSE AND DEGRADATION TO WHICH ITS BLACK POPULATION IS DAILY SUBJECTED; THE FEROCITY WITH WHICH IT CRUSHES ANY INCIPIENT MOVEMENT FOR FREEDOM AND LIBERTY; HAVE EARNED IT THE UNIVERSAL CONDEMNATION AND CONTEMPT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

MR. BOTHA'S ARROGANT DISPLAY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S BRUTE MILITARY POWER; HIS INTIMIDATION OF AND BRAZEN AGGRESSIONS AGAINST THE FRONTLINE STATES; HIS WANTON AND SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY; HIS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA; HIS FORCIBLE SEIZURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA AND HIS DEFIANCE OF ALL ATTEMPTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO MAKE NAMIBIA INDEPENDENT; CHARACTERIZE HIS REGIME AS A VERITABLE INTERNATIONAL OUTLAW.

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HER EXCELLENCY  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MARGRET TACHER, MP,  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
LONDON

SUCH A PERSON, DOES NOT, IN MY OPINION DESERVE THE HOSPITALITY  
OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE. IF MR. BOTHA'S VISIT  
WERE TO GO AHEAD, IT WOULD AMOUNT TO CONFERRING AN AURA OF RESPECT-  
ABILITY AND A SEAL OF APPROVAL UPON HIS MORALLY BANKRUPT AND  
REPRESSIVE REGIME.

YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY SHOULD  
A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY AND HAVE A LEADING ROLE TO PLAY IN THE  
WORLD-WIDE STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID, AND FOR THE RESTORATION OF  
THE  
LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE. AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN  
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, I STRONGLY APPEAL TO YOUR  
EXCELLENCY TO KINDLY WITHDRAW THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO MR BOTHA  
TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY AND REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY OTHER ACTION WHICH  
WOULD GIVE AID AND COMFORT TO HIS GOVERNMENT TO TRAMPLE UNDERFOOT  
THE BASIC AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN PEOPLE.

MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM  
CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND OF COPWE,  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE REVOLUTIONARY  
ARMED FORCES OF SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA.

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