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Prime Minister.

From Bishop
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Dear Prime Minister,

It is impossible for me to thank you adequately for both the generosity of your reception to me and Mr. Abdul Minty last Thursday and for your patience in listening. But at least I must put on record my gratitude personally. At the same time I need hardly say how much your public statement on Television after the fateful meeting with Mr. Botha has done to give me encouragement and hope. It was truly all I could have wished for. I write personally, of course. I am (as you are) aware of the immense diversity of motive within the Anti-Apartheid Movement across the world. It is not always easy to be sure of one's own integrity in the act and tenor of the struggle. But I have tried to base what I have done - & shall continue to do for so long as I have strength - on very

Christian belief in the infinite dignity of man as redeemed. Apartheid is a total denial of this.

Obviously I am unopposed to the freedom of the African people in their own land, for I have been involved with them for over forty years in their struggle. And for the most part it has been a non-violent struggle against a very violent state.

Now can I make friends like Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu & others in life imprisonment; nor great Christians like Oliver Tambo of the ANC, Beyers Naudé of the Christian Literature and Demand Tutu (a child of thirteen when I first knew him!) of the South African Council of Churches.

Obviously, too, we cannot agree on everything either concerning S. Africa or Great Britain!

But I know you respect my integrity as indeed I respect yours; I am deeply thankful.

Yours most sincerely & gratefully

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