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PRIME MINISTER'S
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Dear Prime Minister

As you are aware the Foreign Ministers of the 'Ten' and of Spain and Portugal decided on 1 August 1985 to send the Foreign Ministers of Luxemburg, Italy and The Netherlands to South Africa in order to discuss the latest developments in South Africa. My Foreign Minister indicated on behalf of the South African Government that the three Ministers would be welcome to visit South Africa on the basis that such a visit did not imply any right on the part of the 'Ten' to interfere in South Africa's internal affairs and on the assumption that the 'Ten' were genuinely interested in ascertaining the true facts.

You will recall that I established a special cabinet committee more than two years ago with the purpose of deliberating with Black leadership and recommending future constitutional developments which could satisfy the reasonable aspirations of all our peoples and communities. I can now tell you that this committee has submitted to me proposals which may have a profound influence on the political future of this country and which I believe will be welcomed by you and your Government. I am at present giving serious consideration to these proposals and intend to make an announcement on my Government's decision in the very near future. I must stress that my Government's decision will be taken on the basis of what we consider to be in the best interest of South and Southern Africa.

My Foreign Minister will be in Europe towards the middle of August in order to brief South African Ambassadors on the wider implications and magnitude of the envisaged developments. I see advantage in making my Foreign Minister available to explain these developments to you personally on a convenient date towards the middle of August. I should be glad if you could let me know whether you would be interested in receiving him for this purpose.

My Foreign Minister has sent a similar message at my request to President Reagan proposing a meeting for him with the President. He has also sent messages to the Foreign Ministers of Luxemburg, The Netherlands and Italy suggesting that the three Ministers meet him initially in Western Europe towards mid-August 1985. They would nevertheless be welcome to visit South Africa thereafter should they still feel that a useful purpose would be served by such a visit.

I have written a similar letter to Chancellor Kohl because I believe that you and the Chancellor would be personally interested in having these developments explained to you in greater detail.

Yours sincerely

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