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Margaret Dear: This letter is deliberately short but it is long in chunks. Our home feels much the better for your visit - Margaret says even the furniture is smiling but above all Gatska went back to his besieged kingdom much strengthened and encouraged and his faith in Britani, not to mention humanity, restored.

I am going to South Africa on August 21 and I shall have the occasion to raise in public the issues - national convention etc - the state of which I speak to 1200 civil engineers and architects at a special conference on Aug 23

But more, I can in private get
 at the government. Do there anything
 I can try to pass on and get done
 to help you all? If so would
 there be a warrant for us to talk
 about that. I shall have a try
 of my own in any case but they
 will obviously heed more if I
 have your moral backing. I
 can come to London at the draft
 of a hat: shall be up in
 any case next Monday and
 again from Aug: 18 until I
 leave on Aug 21.

again from all of
 us - Gotska most of all perhaps.
 to you and Denis our
 gratitude and devotion
 yours truly
 James

PRIME MINISTER

The attached thank you letter from Sir Laurens van der Post (though it was of course he who invited you to dinner) asks if you feel there are any specific points you would wish him to make to the South African Government when he goes to South Africa on 21 August.

I have had a word with the Foreign Office. Their advice is that it would be better to avoid giving the impression that Sir Laurens is a personal emissary, and the situation will ^{in any case} change after 15 August when the Government are expected to make a major announcement.

Would you like me to ring Sir Laurens and explain that you think it better to rely on his personal judgement, and on his knowledge of your general views about the situation in South Africa following your recent meetings with him?

after our long talks
but, as he has probably
seen from the press.
the President of S.A. is likely

Merv Adelson

MEA

8 August, 1985.

to make some pronouncement
about future policy sometime soon
because of the September 14th in Congress. We
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