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Dear Prime Minister,

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I have just returned to my office today and I do want to thank you very much indeed for your letter of 14th October about my speech in Cape Town.

However, the real reason for my writing is to express my personal admiration for the firm line which you were able to maintain so effectively during the Commonwealth Conference. It must have been extremely difficult and there will inevitably be some who believe that such a line only isolates us. All that I have seen in South Africa convinces me that you were totally right and deserve our congratulations on your great success in an extremely difficult situation.

I shall be having a word with Malcolm Rifkind in the near future.

In the meantime, best of luck.

Yours

James,

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