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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Jean M. President.

Clearly we were both upset by the other's reaction to recent events. We ought now to put this behind us. What matters is that we should both do all we can to keep alive the hope of progress offered by the Commonwealth Group's initiative. If that breaks down, the ANC will rejoice as will all those who want a violent solution. My own credibility in trying any other way forward will be greatly diminished.

I have seen your Foreign Minister's letter to the Co-Chairmen of the Commonwealth Group giving your response to the Group's negotiating concept and saying that your Government would welcome further discussions with the Group. The Group are meeting here next week. I do not yet know what their reaction will be, but I very much hope that they will decide to continue the discussions. I shall do what I can to encourage this.

Yours sincerely

P. W. Botha

The Honourable P.W. Botha, DMS.