



Union Buildings
Pretoria

31 August 1990

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Prime Minister

The South African Government has noted with grave concern the detention of citizens of the United Kingdom and other nations by Iraq. This repugnant step calls for the strongest condemnation of all civilised states. Please be assured of the full support of myself and my Government in your efforts to secure the release and ensure the safety of your citizens and the citizens of other countries.

In this time of crisis I am acutely conscious of the gravity of the decisions facing you and your Government. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Yours sincerely

F W DE KLERK
STATE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Original of
De Klerk's
letter → CDF.



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From the Private Secretary

10 September 1990

I enclose a copy of a letter to the
Prime Minister from President De Klerk, and
would be grateful for a draft reply.

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10 September 1990

Mr Charles Powell
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Charles,

I should be grateful if the enclosed letter from State President de Klerk could be brought to the attention of the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

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Justus de Goede
MINISTER