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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Stephen,

NELSON MANDELA

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had a word this evening about the Prime Minister's conversation at the weekend with Nelson Mandela. The Prime Minister repeated that she had been rather disappointed in him.

The Foreign Secretary reported on the discussion on South Africa in the European Community on 18 June. A number of Member States were still opposed to any easing of sanctions. The German government was reserving its position for the European Council itself and it might be helpful if I were to speak to Herr Teltschik beforehand to encourage them to support some step by the Community or individual Member States to relax sanctions. He thought the balance of probability was against unanimous agreement on action. The Prime Minister suggested that we might propose a statement which said that each Member State would decide on the appropriate national steps in relation to sanctions, to provide encouragement for the South African government's policies.

Yours sincerely,

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