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16 February 1990

Mr Charles Powell Private Secretary to the Prime Minister 10 Downing Street LONDON SW1A 2AH

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Dear Mr Powell

I have been asked to deliver the text of the following letter as soon as possible to the Prime Minister:

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"Dear Mrs Thatcher

Ambassador Renwick provided me with a copy of the statement you issued on 10 February 1990 in pursuance of my announcement of the release of Mr Nelson Mandela. I hope others will be prepared to follow your courageous stand and demand the dismantling of restrictive measures currently in force against South Africa. It is of considerable importance to me and my Government to be able to demonstrate that the road on which we have embarked, with all the attendant risks, will lead to a better future for all the people of South Africa.

I trust that the reaction of the right-wing parties here in South Africa will have been reported to you.

Against this background we will be looking to the meeting of the European Foreign Ministers in Dublin on 20 February 1990 with keen anticipation that the lifting of sanctions against South Africa will now be addressed. By continuing to support the ANC in its stand for the retention of sanctions the Europeans will, in effect, furnish the ANC with a veto to thwart negotiations as and when it sees fit.

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We are sending appropriate appeals to a number of other European countries through a variety of channels in the hope that they will now support the removal of sanctions against South Africa.

Please be assured that your efforts in this regard are most warmly appreciated.

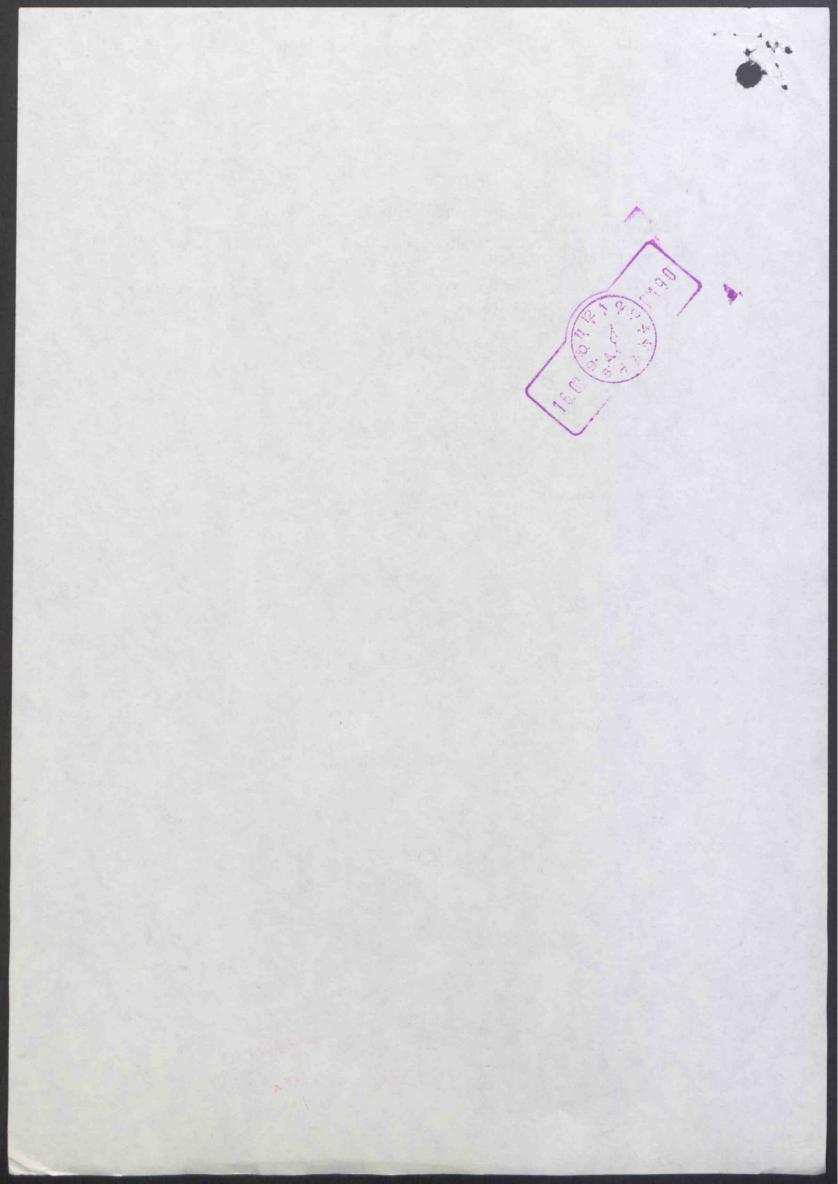
Sincerely

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

Yours sincerely

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From the Private Secretary

16 February 1990

SOUTH AFRICA

I enclose a copy of a letter from President de Klerk to the Prime Minister about sanctions. I should be grateful for a draft reply.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to John Gieve (HM Treasury) and to Martin Stanley (Department of Trade and Industry).

CHARLES POWELL

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