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Mr Charles Powell
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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And I assume Douglas
has a copy of this letter for
Dublin. mr

Dear Mr Powell

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

"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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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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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

J. S. Wall, Esq.,
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