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Dear Mr Wicks,

The Co-Chairmen of the Commonwealth Group would be grateful if you could kindly convey to the Prime Minister the following message:

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Dear Prime Minister

The Commonwealth Group of Eminent Persons are planning to return to Cape Town next week to continue their discussions with the South African Government which have now reached a delicate stage. We have therefore been interested and concerned to learn that the South African Government has sent messages to the seven leaders meeting in Tokyo, seeking assurances pertaining to possible international reaction to future developments in South Africa. We are concerned that bilateral exchanges with the South African Government at this time, especially if they involve the sort of assurances reported, would not only complicate our work but also make it much more difficult for the Group to retain the necessary co-operation of all the parties involved in the achievement of our mandate. It is our belief in respect of future developments in South Africa that the

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Mr N L Wicks CBE  
Principal Private Secretary to the  
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best assurance against further measures by the international community would be the early commencement and assiduous pursuit of genuine negotiations involving the authentic leaders of the people of South Africa along the lines we have already indicated to the South African Government.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Fraser

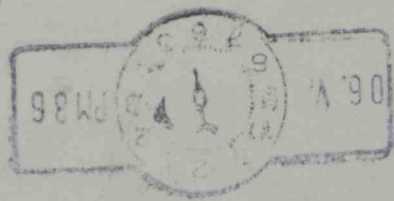
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*Yours Sincerely*

*Emeka Anyaoku*

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Deputy Secretary-General





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From the Private Secretary

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I attach a copy of a letter to Mr. Wicks here from Mr. Emeka Anyaoku, Deputy Secretary General of the Eminent Persons Group. Mr. Anyaoku's letter contains a message from the two co-Chairmen to the Prime Minister.

I should be grateful for your advice and a draft reply as soon as possible.

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