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PM's Party

FOR PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY
MIPT: MESSAGE FROM COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL TO
THE PRIME MINISTER: SOUTH AFRICA
1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM SIR SONNY RAMPHAL
TO THE PRIME MINISTER:
MESSAGE BEGINS

"FOLLOWING THE BBC'S REPORT OF A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
BOTHA TO THE TOKYO SUMMIT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
EPG'S PACKAGE, I FEEL YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ON THIS MATTER
THE EPG REPLY OF 1 MAY TO PIK BOTHA WAS AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT OF REPLY

QUOTE

IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT THE BEST ASSURANCE AGAINST FURTHER
MEASURES BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO WHICH YOU REFER
WOULD BE THE EARLY COMMENCEMENT AND ASSIDUOUS PURSUIT OF
GENUINE NEGOTIATION ALONG THE LINES ENVISAGED IN OUR
NEGOTIATING CONCEPT, AND INVOLVING THE AUTHENTIC LEADERS
OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

UNQUOTE

END TEXT OF REPLY

I FEAR THAT TO GO FURTHER BY WAY OF ASSURANCES ON SANCTIONS
IN THE CONTEXT OF A HYPOTHETICAL "LAW AND ORDER" BREAK-DOWN
MAY MAKE THE PACKAGE UNSALEABLE TO OTHERS WHO MAY THEN
SEE IT AS A POTENTIAL TRAP. IN THE PRESENT DELICATE STAGE
OF DISCUSSIONS, I HOPE YOU AND PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY
TO WHOM I AM SENDING A SIMILAR MESSAGE CAN DISCOURAGE ANY
SUCH ASSURANCE FROM THE SUMMIT TO PRESIDENT BOTHA.

WITH DEEP RESPECT,
SONNY RAMPHAL"

MESSAGE ENDS

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FOR PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY
MESSAGE FROM COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE PRIME MINISTER:
SOUTH AFRICA
1. SIR SONNY RAMPHAL, WHO IS ATTENDING THE SECOND SUMMIT OF THIRD
WORLD SCHOLARS AND STATESMEN (SOUTH-SOUTH II) IN KUALA LUMPUR, HAS
ASKED ME TO PASS AN URGENT MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER. A SIMILAR
MESSAGE IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER.
RAMPHAL SAYS IN HIS COVERING LETTER TO ME THAT HE HAS TALKED HERE
WITH OLIVER TAMBO OF THE ANC (WHO IS ALSO ATTENDING THE KUALA LUMPUR
MEETING.). BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER TAMBO HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON
THE MESSAGE.
2. TEXT OF MESSAGE IS IN MIFT.

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PLEASE PASS FLASH FCO
INFO IMMEDIATE KUALA LUMPUR

FOR FERGUSSON FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY
YOUR TEL NO 406 TO TOKYO: ECONOMIC SUMMIT: SOUTH AFRICA
1. AS YOU WILL BY NOW HAVE SEEN, THERE WAS NO REFERENCE
IN THE SUMMIT DECLARATIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA. INSTEAD IT
WAS AGREED THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD IN HIS SUMMING UP
REMARKS MAKE A FAIRLY BLAND STATEMENT CALLING FOR AN END
TO APARTHEID BUT ENCOURAGING THE EFFORTS CURRENTLY UNDER
WAY TO PROMOTE D I A L O G U E. IN THE EVENT HE CALLED FOR
AN END TO APARTHEID BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR
INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE D I A L O G U E. ON THE BASIS
OF THIS PLEASE SEEK TO REASSURE ANYAOKU. YOU SHOULD NOT SHOW
HIM THE TEXT OF P W BOTHA'S MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER OR
DESCRIBE ITS CONTENTS. YOU SHOULD HOWEVER TELL HIM THAT ALL THE

SUMMIT LEADERS WERE CONCERNED NOT TO DO OR SAY ANYTHING WHICH
MIGHT CUT ACROSS THE WORK OF COMGEP. FOREIGN MINISTERS DID
DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICA, BUT NOT THE HEADS OF GOVT. SAVE TO AGREE
THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD SUM UP IN A WAY WHICH WOULD, WHILST
STRESSING THE NEED FOR AN END TO APARTHEID, SEEK TO ENCOURAGE
THE PROCESS OF D I A L O G U E. THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF
THEIR GIVING ASSURANCES TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD OR WOULD NOT DO IN ANY PARTICULAR
CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE FUTURE, OR OF MAKING ANY OTHER CHANGE
IN THEIR POSITION.

2. IF RAMPHAL IS STILL IN KUALA LUMPUR, GRATEFUL IF
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WOULD SPEAK TO HIM IN SIMILAR
TERMS, SAYING THAT HE IS DOING SO ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE
FOREIGN SECRETARY.

3. SINCE RAMPHAL HAS APPARENTLY SENT THE SAME
MESSAGE TO THE CANADIANS, GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM THEM
OF NPE TERMS OF OUR REPLY. DURING DISCUSSION AMONG
FOREIGN MINISTERS MR CLARK URGED THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE SAID
OR DONE WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH COMGEP'S DELICATE TAKSNOL
THIS WAS GENERALLY SUPPORTED.

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