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Mr. C. D. Porock No 10

UNCLASSIFIED  
FM CAPE TOWN  
TO ROUTINE FCO  
TELNO 026  
OF 301204Z JUNE 86  
INFO ROUTINE PRETORIA, JOHANNESBURG (ACTIONED)

*Some people think that my heart  
is in the right place. But I assume that  
it is a message to the Prime Minister,  
only via me.*

*[Signature]*  
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THE PRESIDENTS OF THE CAPE TOWN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE + INDUSTRIES  
HAVE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO BE PASSED TO MR EWEN  
FERGUSSON:

BEGINS:

WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE EFFORTS BY YOURSELF AND YOUR GOVERNMENT TO  
RESIST CURRENT ARGUMENTS FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST THIS COUNTRY.  
WE ARE SURE YOU ARE FULLY AWARE THE PARTICULAR IMPACT ON THE  
WESTERN CAPE OF ANY RESTRICTIONS ON FRUIT OR WINE IMPORTS.

IN SUPPORT OF YOUR POSITION WE AFFIRM THAT BUSINESS IN THE WESTERN  
CAPE IS ALREADY DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO BRING ABOUT REFORM  
BY NEGOTIATION.

WIDE CONTACT WITH REGIONAL LEADERSHIP ACROSS THE POLITICAL  
SPECTRUM HAS CONVINCED US THAT THERE EXISTS AN EXTREMELY STRONG  
REGIONAL CONSENSUS FOR REAL REFORM. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO  
PROMOTE THIS CONSENSUS AS A CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE IN THE NATIONAL  
PICTURE.

WE FEEL IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF THIS REGION, WITH MUCH TO ITS  
CREDIT ON HUMAN RELATIONS AND RIGHTS, AND ITS STRONGLY REFORMIST  
MOTIVATIONS, WERE TO BE MADE A DE-FACTO TARGET OF PUNITIVE ECONOMIC  
MEASURES.

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