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WAS RECEIVED FROM PRETORIA TELEGRAM NO MISC 003 OF 11 JULY 86

INFO IMMEDIATE FCO, LUSAKA, HARARE, MAPUTO

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE AIRBORNE DESKBY 111800Z

EC PRESIDENCY MISSION

1. THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS
LIKELY TO ALLOW SIR GEOFFREY HOW TO VISIT NELSON MANDELA DURING
THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S FORTHCOMING VISIT. HOWEVER MRS MANDELA
MET TODAY WITH NELSON MANDELA IN POLLSMOOR PRISON. IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTIONS ABOUT A POSSIBLE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
AFTER THE MEETING, SHE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID:

'HE REGRETS TERRIBLY THE FACT THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE
HIM. THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS SUCH THAT THERE IS NO PURPOSE
IN SEEING FURTHER EMINENT PERSONS. IF REQUESTED HE WOULD
REFUSE A MEETING.'

2. MRS MANDELA ALSO TOLD REUTERS THAT NELSON MANDELA HAD DESCRIBED
THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S MISSION AS A 'NON-EVENT'.

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