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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 September 1986

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter of 8 September about South Africa. It was thoughtful and fair-minded of you to write. If I could just underline one point: it is not that our views on apartheid are diametrically opposed: we both detest apartheid and want to see it eliminated as rapidly as possible. Where we differ is in the most effective means to achieve this. I do not believe that sanctions are the answer.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Dalrymple

The Honourable Miss M. Eugenia Charles, M.P.

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Mrs M Thatcher
Prime Minister
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London
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Dear Prime Minister

You already know my view on apartheid in South Africa - they are diametrically opposed to yours.

You also know that I recognise the circumstances which militate against your adopting my views.

I wish at this point however, to re-emphasise the conditions which I believe must be established for the complete shut down and isolation of South Africa - that the Front Line States and our black people in South Africa must request this action.

Though I have never before explicitly put it in words - such a request must necessarily be accompanied by action on their part to make my plan work.

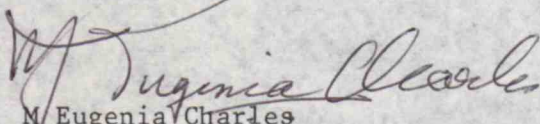
I was therefore, extremely shocked and disillusioned to find that Zimbabwe had recently entered into an agreement with South Africa.

I am writing this to ensure that you realise that I have not changed my mind as to the only action which I believe will abolish apartheid but that I have an even greater understanding of your position and the circumstances which force you to take the stand that you have taken - your sincere belief that sanctions will hurt the very people that we all wish to assist.

I, of course, feel that it is better to have a short and very painful period than a long drawn-out better soul-destroying confrontation.

One Front Line State apparently does not agree with me.

Yours sincerely
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER


M Eugenia Charles
Prime Minister