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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 November 1985

Dear Julius.

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of 12 October. I greatly valued our exchange of views in the run-up to CHOGM.

The agreement reached at Nassau represented a successful outcome to a long and difficult debate. The Commonwealth Accord was further evidence of the Commonwealth's wish to bring its full united weight to bear on a problem which concerns us all so much. The South African Government has been left in no doubt about the Commonwealth's deep concern at events in South Africa and our views on the pressing need for reform.

I do not underestimate the problems, but I do believe that the "Eminent Persons Group", after careful preparation, may be able to help the process of bringing all sides of South African opinion together to discuss their common future. This must be a priority. I am sure that Mr. Malecela will play an important role in the Group's work.

We all missed your contribution at CHOGM, although we were fortunate in having Prime Minister Salim in your stead. I know that your personal influence on Southern African affairs will continue and that the international community will always value your advice.

I send you my very good wishes for the future. You have played an outstanding role both as leader of your country and

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as international statesman. And I shall always cherish the personal friendship which we have built up over the years.

With warm good wishes,

Yours ever

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Dr. Julius Nyerere



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28 November 1985

Dear Charles,

Letter from Dr Nyerere

As you know there was an exchange of letters between Nyerere and the Prime Minister before CHOGM. Nyerere wrote again on 12 October, but we have waited until it was clear whether he would be participating in the "Eminent Persons Group" before suggesting how the Prime Minister might reply.

It has now been confirmed that Dr Nyerere will not be nominated to the EPG. I enclose a draft reply to his letter of 12 October, which takes account of developments at CHOGM and ends with a message of goodwill to mark Dr Nyerere's retirement as President of Tanzania.

Yours ever,

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Chairman of Chama  
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.....In Confidence

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of 12 October.  
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I do not underestimate the problems, but I do believe that the "Eminent Persons Group", after careful preparation, may be able to assist the process of bringing all sides of South African opinion together to discuss their common future. This must be a priority. I am sure that Mr Malecela will play an important role in the group's work.

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I fully understand the reason behind your advocacy of limited economic sanctions. As you know, the question was discussed at length in Nassau. I made it clear then that in my view sanctions would not force the South African

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Government to face up to the need for change. On the contrary, I argued that they would have the opposite effect, and would drive the South African Government into ignoring outside pressure altogether. Sanctions would lead to serious economic decline, and even worse violence and repression.

The list of measures agreed at Nassau went further than I should like to have gone. However, I was most anxious to see Commonwealth unity maintained, and I attach great importance to the call for a suspension of violence on all sides. We must now maintain the impetus achieved at CHOGM. The next steps will be difficult and I hope we shall keep in close touch to ensure that we do all we can to achieve a successful outcome.

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I send you my very good wishes for the future. You have played a ~~major~~ <sup>an outstanding</sup> role as ~~an~~ <sup>leader of your country and as</sup> international statesman, and I particularly valued your co-operation in relations between our two countries, as well as within the Commonwealth. ~~I will~~ <sup>And I shall</sup> always cherish the personal friendship which we have built up over the years.

With warm good wishes.

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